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## Allied Counter-Attacks Developing Strongly

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### LIBERTY IN PAWN FOR VICTORY

London, To-day.

The Emergency Powers (Extension) Bill which was enacted yesterday in 163 minutes is welcomed by the Press as the right answer to Hitler's totalitarian war.

"The Times" writes: "At this grave moment a united people feels no hesitation or misgiving though the new law comes very near to suspending the very essence of the Constitution as it has been built up in a thousand years.

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#### Characteristic Reply

The "Daily Telegraph" declares: "Nothing in these anxious days could have been better calculated to freshen the heart of the nation and inspire it with new confidence than this sweeping legislation."

"It is Britain's characteristic reply to Hitler's lightning bid for mastery." The "News-Chronicle" says: "A totalitarian system is to be met and defeated by total means. We believe the people of Britain will rejoice that the Government has taken these powers. The one desire of everybody is to serve."

#### Energy and Boldness

Says the "Daily Herald": "The new law is not in itself enough to win the war. However it shows a realism and an energy and a boldness in our leaders without which we could not hope for victory."

The "Daily Mail" comments: "We all accept this complete reversal of our habits and traditions. It is something we owe to the men in the front lines. The new law is the kind of tonic the nation expects from its rulers."—Reuter.

#### GERMAN EMISSARY IN ROME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Herr Kleinmann, German Under-Secretary of Communications, arrived here yesterday. It is reported he will confer on railway connections between

PARIS, TO-DAY.

A NEW MOOD OF CONFIDENCE IS NOTICEABLE IN PARIS, FOLLOWING THE FIRST SHOCK OF THE BREAK-THROUGH TO THE COAST OF GERMAN ADVANCED ELEMENTS.

Allied counter-attacks are now reported to be developing strongly at several points, notably in the Cambrai-Douai-Arras triangle where the B.E.F. had last night made excellent initial progress against strong opposition.

Further south, in the Amiens-Abbeville sector of the Picardy battle zone, French forces are moving into action, although no report has yet been received that they have made contact with the enemy.

It is felt, however, now that General Weygand has completed a tour of the battlefield, having inspected "every square mile" of northern France and Belgium, the signal will soon be given for the real counter-stroke which may determine the result of the battle.

The immediate task is to break the Hitler project, which apparently seeks to establish a line from Sedan to Abbeville, and then concentrate upon driving the B.E.F. and Belgians into the sea.

The stubborn Allied resistance at Cambrai has already jeopardised the German plan of operations, and in the meantime, powerful forces have been marshalled by the Allied High Command.—Havas.

#### Relentless Air Attacks

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The R.A.F. continued their unrelenting attacks on German columns and supply convoys during the night, their raids extending over a huge area.

Bridges over the Meuse at Namur and Dinant were destroyed. Considerable damage was done wherever the enemy was found.—Havas.

#### Improvement In Situation

Informed London quarters, although still regarding the situation as more serious than any crisis reached during the last war, are inclined to consider the position as slightly easier to-day.

The recapture of Arras and other indications that Allied counter-attacks have begun, have been a welcome reinforcement to confidence.

News both of the Belgian action on the Scheidt and the B.E.F. attack in the region of Douai and Cambrai is eagerly awaited.

Responsible circles, however, discourage any expectation of early results of a decisive character. It is, indeed, emphasised that recovery from the effects of the German break-

the Danubian Valley and the Adriatic.—Havas.

through and deep penetration towards the Channel ports of mechanised units, must, at best, be long and arduous.—British Wireless.

#### Important Fighting

Paris, To-day.

It is announced that important fighting occurred yesterday afternoon between Cambrai and Valenciennes.

It is not known here how large the German forces engaged were but the operations are described as the most important day's operations.

Movements of Allied troops are reported in the region of Arras but they do not appear to have provoked.—(Continued on Page 20.)

### BOUQUET FROM ITALY!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Almost every Rome newspaper prominently displayed M. Reynaud's speech but few commented on it.

"Popolo d'Italia" said: "The speech needs no comment. It is too clear and dramatic in its entire frankness."

"It has had upon France the effect that similar words would produce upon any patriotic country. It will undoubtedly provoke the resolute attitude which is required now."—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—East winds, fresh; cloudy, some rain.



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# FIFTY-FOUR JAP. PLANES ENGAGED IN SZECHUEN RAID

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

**FIFTY-FOUR JAPANESE PLANES**, taking off from two different bases, flew over Szechuen province yesterday morning, meeting 80 miles south of Chungking and then dividing into two batches which bombed several objectives in the Chungking area.

The alarm sounded at 7 a.m. in Chungking after which batch of 27 Japanese bombers flew over at a low height in a westerly direction.

Several more bomber formations were later seen flying over the south bank of the river. Neither Chinese fighters nor anti-aircraft guns interfered with the raiders.

Extent of the damage inflicted is not known.

Raids took place at night, when there was a moon and no clouds.

Japanese planes raided the city in two batches; the alarm sounded at 10.20 p.m., the first planes arriving shortly before 11 o'clock and dropping heavy bombs in the western suburbs.

The second batch reached the city at 11.10 p.m. and were caught in the beams of searchlights and intercepted by Chinese fighters.

**Dog Fights Over River**

Dog-fights could be clearly seen from the city for ten minutes over the Yangtze's southern bank. Tracer bullets were seen shooting in all directions.

The Japanese raiders withdrew to the east without dropping bombs. Another group of Japanese planes appeared around 12.30 in the morning and were also challenged by Chinese fighters. The all clear sounded shortly afterwards.—Havas.

## 10,000 PLANES FOR U.S. NAVY

Washington, To-day.

The naval committee of the House of Representatives yesterday unanimously approved a Bill authorising an increase in the naval air force to 10,000 planes, with 16,000 pilots. The Bill also authorises \$144,000,000 for naval air bases.—Reuter.

## BRITISH INITIATIVE IN ROME

Rome, To-day.

The chairman of the Anglo-Italian Joint Standing Commission has arrived in Rome. He will probably discuss difficulties in connection with the contraband control.—Reuter.

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## PRISON SENTENCE FOR ARCHER

Charles Archer, 26, was before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with larceny by bailee, with obtaining goods and money by false pretences, and with embezzlement of \$150.

The charges alleged that he stole a R.C.A. radio entrusted to him by the Bosco Radio Corporation on April 22. (B). Stole two typewriters on April 17, belonging to the same Company, (C). Obtained a Zenith radio from Mr. D. Gardner of the Bosco Radio Co. on May 1. (D). Obtained a sum of \$81 from Mr. Draper of the Royal Naval Dockyard on May 2, by false pretences, (E). Embezzlement of \$150 received by him from Mr. Pannis of No. 2, Babington Path, on behalf of the Bosco Radio Co., on April 5.

Defendant pleaded guilty to all charges.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, for the prosecution, said defendant was formerly employed by the Bosco Radio Corporation, in Holland House, at a salary of \$50 per month, and ten per cent commission.

On April 22, said Mr. Silva, defendant took an order for a radio valued at \$380 from the Company, which was supposed to be delivered to Mr. Li of the On Lok Yuen Cafe. Defendant had also took two Remington typewriters on April 17, valued at \$376. Defendant sold one typewriter for \$100, and another for \$95. The radio was sold for \$150.

Regarding the third charge, defendant obtained a Zenith radio from Mr. Gardner, saying that he was going to sell the set for \$125 to Mr. J. Ford, of the Dairy Farm. He sold it for \$86 and only paid in to the Company \$25.

Defendant left the Bosco Company about April 22, but on May 2 he called on Mr. Draper, who had purchased a radio through him, and collected \$81 which he pretended to be collecting for the Company.

Mr. Silva told the Court that defendant had made every effort to recover the radios and typewriters which he had sold, and his father was willing to pay back to the persons defrauded at the rate of \$50 monthly.

It was pointed out that defendant had a previous conviction in 1939, for larceny by trick and by bailee.

Defendant was sentenced to one year's hard labour.

## ATTEMPT TO ROB MR. REES HARRISS

PLEADING GUILTY TO ASSAULT, WITH INTENT TO ROB, ON MR. WILLIAM REES HARRISS, SIU HUNG, 27, AND CHAN WAH, 22, WERE SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS' HARD LABOUR AND RECOMMENDED FOR BANISHMENT BY MR. Q. A. A. MACFADYEN THIS MORNING.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser, prosecuting, said that Mr. Harriess who was 61 years old, was a keen stamp collector and the secretary of the Hong Kong S.P.C.A. He had been operating a shop at No. 220A, Nathan Road, for several years.

Accused, with two others, went into Mr. Harriess' shop, asking for stamps. One of the two who escaped was said to have been armed with a knife and threatened Mr. Harriess with it, while the other three, including the two accused, stood by.

Despite the threat, Mr. Harriess shouted loudly for help, and all four took to their heels and ran out. One of them pushed over a large book case to block Mr. Harriess' way during the escape.

The accused were arrested on information.

## THEFT FROM LOCAL SUBMARINE

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed on Cheng Sang, 27, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C.; this morning, for stealing a charging valve from a submarine in the Royal Naval Dockyard yesterday.

## 19-YEAR-OLD GIRL'S SUICIDE

A 19-year-old girl, Pang Ying, of No. 236, Cheung Sha Wan Road, who was admitted to Kowloon Hospital suffering from lysol poisoning, yesterday, died at about 1 a.m. to-day.

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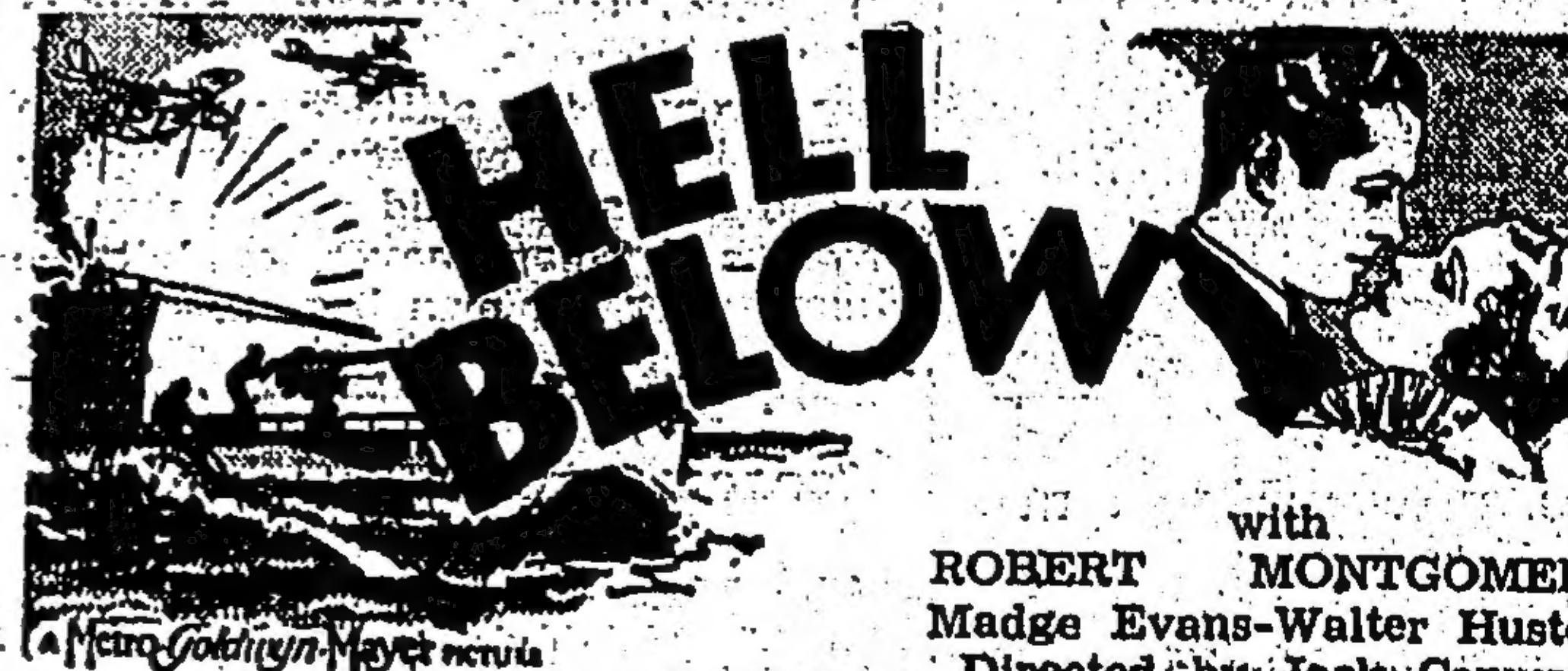
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## BAD CASE OF JITTERS

Washington, To-day.

The attack of jitters from which many Americans are suffering tends to worsen rather than abate. Americans themselves refer to it as terrific.

Many here are already visualising an Allied defeat and the consequent possibility of America facing alone Italian and Japanese aggression in this hemisphere.

Some of the most sober writers express the gravest concern for the future of America.

One goes so far as to say American policy should be to obtain the most solemn assurances that the Allied fleets will never be surrendered and in return for this sacrifice to American security he suggests America "may be able to do something to preserve the Allies' morale if the present battle goes against them," and guarantee them unlimited economic assistance.—Reuter.

# SOVIET MAKES WARNING MOVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
PARIS, TO-DAY.

**SOVIET RUSSIA IS FAR FROM ENTHUSIASTIC OVER THE GERMAN MILITARY MOVES, POLITICAL CIRCLES HERE STATE, ALTHOUGH RECOGNISING THAT OUTWARDLY THE SOVIET APPROVED GERMANY'S AGGRESSION AGAINST BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS.**

The Soviet has seized every occasion granted by the Reich to gain personal advantages but simultaneously has constantly demonstrated her distrust of Germany notably when she fortified heavily the new German-Russian frontier through Poland.

Political circles also recall the creation of Russian bases in the Baltic and the expulsion of the many powerful Russian minorities in that region.

Yugo-Slavia's treaty with Russia has further served to demonstrate that, while she may not be absolutely ready to help the Slav States, Russia would not support German action against the Balkan countries. Finally, Stalin may be wondering what advantages he could gain from a German victory in western Europe and whether a stronger Reich would serve his interests.—Havas.

### Soviet Stops Oil Supply

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Kaunas, To-day.

Huge quantities of Soviet oil which have been transported to Germany have been held up on instructions from the Soviet Government, it is learned here.—Havas.

### Soviet And Italy

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The Soviet-British trade talks may be resumed shortly and prospects for an agreement are definitely better, Soviet circles declare.

They recall the main difficulty opposing conclusion of a new treaty resided in Russia's refusal to comply with the British request to limit trade with Germany.

This obstacle can now be overcome as the Soviet attitude is apparently less categorical.

Russia seems to be considerably perturbed by the possibility of Italy's entrance into the war, as Moscow considers an Italian push in the Balkans would directly prejudice Soviet interests.

Apparently the attitude now taken by Russia is to strengthen her neutrality and not, as she did at the time of previous German moves, exploit the situation for her own benefit.—Havas.

### Molotov's Reply

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Moscow paper "Pravda" says that M. Molotov's reply to Lord Halifax's latest Note on the trade negotiations, says that the Soviet Union cannot accept the position that it must adapt its trade relations to the war aims of any foreign State.—Havas.

## PRICE CONTROL IN SZECHUEN

Chungking, To-day.

A department for price stabilisation has been organised by the Szechuen provincial Government with capital of \$20,000,000 subscribed partly by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and partly by the provincial treasury.

Work of the department will be centred at Chengtu where the aggravated price situation, particularly that of rice, is causing much discontent.

Recently the Government sent 40,000 piculs of rice on 150 hand-carts to Chengtu to undersell the local market quotation.

The new department will also deal in other daily necessities such as cloth and salt.

Its work will be parallel to that of the national price stabilisation commission in Chungking which is importing large quantities of goods from coastal centres in an effort to bring down local prices.

## BIG BOMBERS FLYING THE ATLANTIC

Washington, To-day.

The head of the Anglo-French purchasing commission disclosed yesterday that some American-built bombers had been flown across the Atlantic and more would be sent as soon as they were built.—Reuter.

of Yugo-Slav territory, the same sources add.—Havas.

### Watching Yugoslavia

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Thirty Russian Divisions are being rushed to the Hungarian frontier, where thousands more Soviet troops are already in camp, reports the "Daily Mirror."

If Italy attacks Yugoslavia, says the paper, the Soviet Army will go into action. Russia will not tolerate any nonsense from Mussolini.—Havas.

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### Soviet Concentration

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

The presence of rather important concentrations of Soviet troops on the new Hungaro-Russian frontier is reported by the Belgrade correspondent of the "Corriere del Ticino."

Rumours are current in Belgrade, the correspondent says, that the Russians are ready to intervene in Yugo-Slavia's favour should the latter be attacked.

Belgrade has even obtained from Moscow a guarantee of the integrity

## OFF THE RECORD

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# HITLER FORCED INTO ATTACKING WHILE GERMAN SUPPLIES CAN HOLD OUT

CHICAGO, TO-DAY.

AN ARTICLE BY DAVID MAXWELL IN THE CHICAGO JOURNAL OF COMMERCE SAYS IT MIGHT LOGICALLY BE HELD THAT THE ALLIES HAVE FORCED THE REICH INTO ATTACKING WHILE HER SUPPLIES HOLD OUT.

It is perhaps a mistake to compare the day by day advance of the Germans with the campaign in 1914, for in 1914 they were able to support trench warfare for four months after the first rush had been halted.

Ever since last September the blockade has been working and the Narvik iron ore route has been closed, while the Baltic sea route is open only five months in the year with limited dock facilities and will not be enough.

Moreover, the Germans are consuming materials at a tremendous rate and even if the entire Rumanian oil production should fall without a hitch into German hands, it may be doubted if this production would suffice for more than a short period in this vigorous war.

## Cannot Wait

The Germans can no longer wait for Russian supplies to be organised and

## GERMANY BURNING UP HER RESERVES

London, To-day.

Information just reaching London shows that Allied economic war is having a marked effect on Germany, in some respects even greater than was thought possible.

This is believed to be the reason for Hitler's gamble on the Western Front. He cannot see how to survive another winter.

The harvests in Germany, Russia and the Balkans have been bad, because of the severe winter and flooding. The Danish crop is fairly poor and nearly one-fifth of the cattle will have to be killed owing to the lack of feeding stocks.

The agricultural industry is facing disaster.

Foot-and-mouth disease is rampant all over Germany, and vaccines to deal with it cannot be obtained. There is a labour shortage in agriculture.

## Drawing On Reserves

Germany is believed to be consuming petrol at nearly twice the rate of supply, and is now drawing on her reserves.

Oil-tank wagons are being moved from Rumania for use on the Western Front, with a resulting reduction in Germany's importing capacity from the Balkans.

Germany got no petrol from Belgium and practically none from Holland.—Reuter.

## SALE PLAN REJECTED

Washington, To-day. By 12 votes to one the Senate foreign relations committee shelved the proposal that the United States should sell its army and navy planes to the Allies.—Reuter.

## ALL LEAVE STOPPED FOR RUMANIAN ARMY

Bucharest, To-day. All leave for the Rumanian Army has been stopped and most of the reservists are being called to the Colours.—Reuter.

thus they must win quickly, for if the war of movement is replaced by a form of trench war, the blockade will be all the more deadly.

Thus the Italians may well hesitate, for they know that although England may be bombarded, and although the German advance seems and may be irresistible, this is the type of war the Allies have not only expected but the war for which they felt themselves prepared.—Reuter.

## GERMAN INVASION OF EIRE FEARED

London, To-day.

The possibility of a German invasion of Eire is causing concern to many Members of Parliament, Reuter's parliamentary correspondent learns.

The question was discussed at a meeting of Conservative members last night, when it was decided to ask the Premier to receive a deputation to discuss the matter.

The problem is regarded as urgent because of the presence of Germans in Ireland, especially the German Legation, and because of the activity of Irish extremists in Ireland.

## DANES THROW NAZI OVERBOARD

When a Danish steamer arrived at Santos recently the German Consul boarded her and demanded her papers, explaining that Germany had granted "protection" to all Danish ships. The Danish captain refused to comply with the request, and eventually told the Consul to get off his ship. But the Consul was obdurate, so without more ado the captain ordered two of his crew to heave him overboard. The order was carried out with gusto, and the Consul found himself in the water in mid-stream. So far as is known, he has not repeated his request for the ship's papers. Several other cases are reported from Santos of Germans being summarily handled by Danish ships' officers and men.

Questions will be put to Mr. Churchill in the Commons to-day.—Reuter.

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# Churchill Government Faces Up To Crisis UNPRECEDENTED POWERS TAKEN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

**A STATEMENT ON THE "GRAVE SITUATION" WAS MADE BY MR. C. R. ATTLEE, THE LORD PRIVY SEAL AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE HOUSE, AFTER QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.**

Mr. Attlee said: "I rise to inform the House that the present situation is so critical that the Government is compelled to seek special powers from the House by a Bill to be passed through all its stages in both Houses of Parliament to-day.

"The situation is grave. Every member is aware of that and every member is aware of the issues at stake.

"A great battle is now proceeding. Our men at sea, on land and in the air are fighting with splendid courage, devotion and skill (cheers) accompanied by the freedom-loving people who are our allies.

"The result of that battle we cannot know but it must be clear to all that the next few weeks are critical.

"Our ruthless enemy who is restrained by no considerations of international law, justice or humanity is throwing everything into the scale to force a decision.

"We are resolved he shall not succeed. (Cheers).

"The Government is convinced now is the time when we must mobilise to the full the whole resources of this country.

## Whole Weight

"We must throw all our weight into the struggle. Every private interest must give way to the urgent need of the community.

"We cannot know what the next few weeks, or even days, may bring forth but whatever may come we shall meet it as the British people in the past have met dangers and overcome them.

"But it is necessary that the Government should be given complete control over persons and property, not just some persons or a particular class of the community, but over all persons, rich or poor, employer or worker, man or woman.

"It is for these powers that I am asking the House to-day. I do not ask for them in a spirit of panic. There is no need to panic, but we are asking that in this emergency we should be given the requisite powers that may be needed.

## Grave Peril

"In order to pass the Bill through all its stages it is necessary to move the procedure motion without notice. The Government asks the House to acquiesce in this procedure in view of the grave peril in which the nation stands to-day.

"The resolution is in precisely the same form to that moved in August last year for the purpose of passing the original Emergency Powers Defence Bill through all its stages in the same day."

Mr. Lees-Smith, on behalf of the Labour Party, thanked Mr. Attlee for his explanation. The time was now for action, he said, a time for showing that the Commons could be a completely efficient instrument for

the conduct of the war.

## Need For Power

After the House had agreed to the resolution suspending standing orders, Mr. Attlee rose to move the second reading of the Emergency Powers Defence Bill, and said:

"I believe that in this critical time the majority of the people of this country will willingly give their services to the country and will do all that is asked of them.

"We introduce this Bill not because we have any doubt as to the willingness of the people but because in a difficult emergency like this there must be the necessary power in the Government."

Mr. Attlee explained that the operative part of the Bill was the extension of the Emergency Powers Defence Act, 1939, and detailed the main provisions of the Bill.

The Bill also provided for extension of the original Act for another year.

"This Act expires in August this year. No-one can tell quite what conditions may be in August this year and therefore it is best to extend the Act now. (Hear, hear).

## All Alike

"I don't want anyone to jump to the conclusion that all of a sudden everybody is going to do something different from what he is doing now.

"The essential thing in an emergency is that people should continue at their jobs until ordered to do otherwise.

"What is proposed is that there should be control over persons and property. The Minister of Labour will be given power to direct any person to perform any services required.

"That does not necessarily mean service in munitions or factories. It doesn't apply only to workmen, it applies to everybody.

"Everybody alike must be under his control. He will be able to prescribe the terms of remuneration, terms of labour or hours of service.

"Remuneration will be on the basis of remuneration for the job. If an engineer is asked to do engineer's work he gets an engineer's pay.

## SEVEN-DAY WEEK IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

The Minister of Supply has instructed all Royal Ordnance contractors works engaged on urgent Ministry of Supply contracts to work full time for seven days a week until further notice.—Reuter.

## IN HOUSE OF LORDS

London, To-day.

In the House of Lords yesterday the Dominions Secretary, Lord Caldecote, asked the House to adjourn until it received the Emergency Powers Bill.

Lord Caldecote said he asked for an adjournment in order that the Bill might be passed through all its stages and receive the Royal Assent the same day.—Reuter.

## BILL QUICKLY TAKEN THROUGH ALL STAGES

London, To-day.

**AFTER LESS THAN AN HOUR'S discussion the emergency Bill giving the Government special powers was read a second time without division.**

Mr. Lees-Smith, leader in the House of the Labour Party, said one couldn't help recognising in Mr. Attlee's speech that he had in mind certain contingencies of a character which had never yet faced this country, and broadly speaking he wished to ensure the country would not be taken by surprise, as some other countries had been.

Mr. James Maxton (Independent Labour Party) said he was not going to take the responsibility of dividing the House against the measure but would scrutinise the regulations when they came before the House.

Mr. William Gallagher (Communist) declared the Bill represented a deliberate effort on the part of the ruling classes to conquer the working classes.

Mr. David Kirkwood (Labour) said so far as he was able to judge the working class was going to be tied hand and foot by the Bill while private property was not.

## Control Of Banks

Mr. Attlee, replying to the debate, said the Bill would also apply to Northern Ireland.

Mr. Attlee emphasised that the banks would be controlled and would be operated under Government orders just as much as anybody working in a factory.

There should be no discrimination between people whether rich or poor.

They should all be willing to perform services and give up their property if necessary and those who were recalcitrant would come into precisely the same category whether they were rich or poor.

The Bill was passed through all the remaining stages and was given a third reading.—Reuter.

If someone else is asked to do a job he gets the pay of that job.

"If a professional man has to do professional work he gets professional pay but if he is asked to do manual work he gets manual pay.

## Pay Of Good Employers

"As to general conditions, it is proposed everyone should carry out industrial agreements where these have been arrived at, but where agreements have not been arrived at, rates of pay are to be those normally paid by good employers.

"If there are cases where people are asked to shift from one district to another there will be provision in regard to payment for a thing of that kind.

## ROYAL ASSENT IN 2 HOURS

London, To-day.

**After occupying only two and a half hours on its passage through both Houses, the Emergency Powers (Defence) Bill became law at 6.10 last evening when the Royal Commission signified the Royal Assent to the Bill.**

Plans had been made to make the Orders-in-Council under the Emergency Powers Defence Bill effective as soon as the Bill received the Royal Assent.

The Government's action was taken in agreement with political and industrial Labour.

The main heads under which Government has complete control under the Bill are in regard to banking, land transport, war industries and non-essential luxury trades.

Government will have complete control over labour supply. War industries and industries dealing with the export trade will be given absolute priority.

Labour will be drafted from non-essential trades as required to more essential industries.—Reuter.

## T.U.C. GUARANTEES FULL COOPERATION

London, To-day.

A meeting of the joint advisory council of representatives of employers and the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, at which the Minister of Labour made known the statement made by Mr. Attlee in the Commons, decided wholeheartedly to co-operate in steps "necessary to secure the protection of the country and an Allied victory." — Reuter.

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# SPEARHEAD OF NAZI THRUST HEAVILY BOMBED

## Column Intercepted On Road To Abbeville Indescribable Confusion On The Roads

London, To-day.

AN AIR MINISTRY BULLETIN describing Tuesday's attacks on the spearhead of the German thrust says that from the air the German advance presented at times a picture of utter chaos.

Often bombing was made impossible because of the difficulty of identifying the enemy columns among the stream of refugees overtaken by the enemy's rapid advance.

On one enemy road 40 to 50 German lorries were seen to be hopelessly intermingled with pedestrians, ambulances, civilian cars, tradesmen's vans and bicycles.

A convoy of armoured lorries three miles long was bombed by two low-flying Blenheims and fires were seen to break out among the vehicles.

Fast moving columns of light armoured fighting vehicles, escorted by motorcycle combinations, were intercepted on the main road north of Abbeville and successfully attacked.

Another column of armoured vehicles partially hidden in a wood near Abbeville was heavily bombed by a formation of 11 Blenheims.

### 150 Bombs Dropped

More than 150 bombs were dropped on this target and salvos were seen to fall close on each side of the column.

Main roads and railway bridges at strategic points were also bombed with the object of impeding supplies and reinforcements to the enemy's advanced positions.

Throughout the day opposition was encountered from anti-aircraft batteries and pom-pom guns operating from mobile platforms and concentrated rifle fire.—Reuter.

### Rhineland Bombing

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announce that during Tuesday night large formations of R.A.F. bombers carried out operations on military objectives and key points in Rhenish Prussia.

Many direct hits were registered on bridges, railway junctions and rolling stock.

Stavanger aerodrome was again bombed on Tuesday night and a large fire was seen to be burning as our aircraft left.

All day Tuesday our fighter aircraft carried out protective patrols for our bombers over the battle areas in Belgium and northern France.

Many engagements were fought and at least 24 enemy aircraft destroyed or seriously damaged. Eight of our fighters are missing.

Of the very large force of aircraft engaged in both day and night bombing operations over the battle areas in northern France and Belgium and Scandinavia, only five failed to return.

### Trains Bombed

Threefold object of the raids was to attack roads and bridges across the River Meuse at Namur and to derail trains on railway lines west of the Rhine and to destroy or damage railway centres, junctions and marshalling yards in the east Ruhr.

A supply train on the Aachen-Krefeld line was bombed four times within a few minutes by a Hampden bomber whose first salvo wrecked the track ahead bringing the train to

### ANOTHER MEDAL FOR GOERING

Rome, To-day.

King Victor has conferred the Supreme Order of the Annunciation, Italy's highest decoration, on Field-Marshal Goering, to mark the first anniversary of the signing of the Italo-German Alliance.

The order makes Goering a "cousin" of the King.—Reuter.

## NAZI BOMBING ATTACK ON OSTEND

London, To-day.

A NAZI BOMBER ATTACK on Ostend was described yesterday by the South African Minister to the Netherlands and Belgium, on his arrival in London.

He and his family had to lie on the floor of their hotel, the windows of which were all smashed.

There are thousands of refugees in Belgium and Holland, and on the way to France from Ostend they found the roads simply covered with women and children.

A member of his staff who arrived in Paris a day later than he did told him that German planes had bombed and machine-gunned refugees on the road.

"I did not see it myself," said the Minister.

On their way to France, they had the greatest difficulty in finding shelter for the night. Two farms, scared of parachute troops, refused to open their doors.

a standstill.

Subsequent bombing raids were interspersed with low level machinegun attacks, carried out by the light of slowly descending parachute flares.

A direct hit was secured on a train near Kerkade, a bomb bursting a third of the way down the line of trucks.

Another hit was registered from a height of 600 feet on the main railway track south of Giesenkirchen.

In a marshalling yard near Aachen hits were scored with 36 high explosive bombs.

Two long wagons were seen to blow up following an attack by a Hampden bomber on a supply train near Erkelenz.—Reuter.

### OVER MILLION UNDER ARMS IN RUMANIA

Paris, To-day.

A telegram from Bucharest says the majority of Rumania's reservists have been ordered to rejoin their units within 24 hours.

The measure does not affect workers on fortifications, railways and road construction or those engaged in the oil and coal industries.

It is estimated that 1,300,000 Rumanians are under arms.—Reuter.

## RUMOUR MONGERS AT WORK

Paris, To-day.

A warning against tendentious rumours about conditions in France is given by an authorised French source.

He declared that contrary to reports of seditious movements and risings and the alleged abandonment of Paris by the Government, the

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## MORE TANKS SHELLS AND GUNS DEMANDED

London, To-day.

More shells, more tanks and more guns were demanded by Mr. Herbert Morrison, the new Minister of Supply, in a broadcast last night.

"Now that the full pressure of the war is upon us," he declared, "the drive behind the work must increase, its pace must quicken, its scope extend."

"The Department which I control must lay hands upon those materials which are needed for its work and will leave for the civil population a harder and sterner way of life than we have been used to."

"The workers were right to expect fair play but what neither we nor you can tolerate is the fooling about of irresponsible mischief-makers who, for all you know, may be Fifth Column elements."

"We are going to curtail our pleasures and our comforts, and blot out every thought of private or sectional aims, thinking only of arms for our men—arms for victory and liberty."—Reuter.

## SAVINGS NOT AFFECTED BY NEW POWERS

London, To-day.

Sir Robert Kindersley, the famous economist, in a speech yesterday said he was authorised by Mr. Attlee to give an assurance that personal savings would be in no way affected by the Emergency Powers Act.—Reuter.

normal public services are in operation.

Impartial observers in Paris and the provinces bear testimony to the sang-froid and patriotic resolution with which the nation has received the influx of refugees from the north.—Reuter.

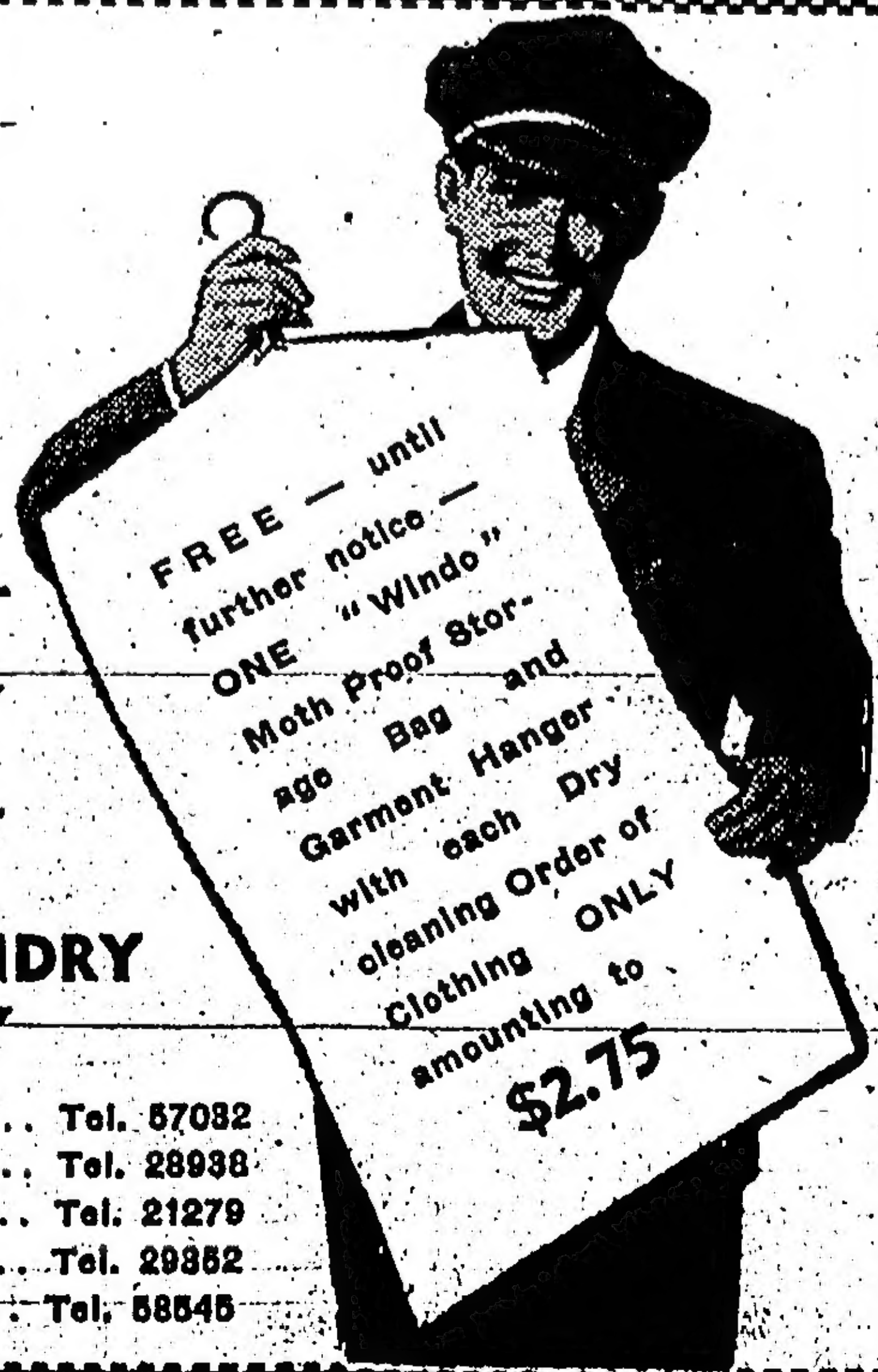
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## Mr. Attlee On Mobilisation Of All Resources

London, To-day.

MR. C. R. ATTLEE, DEPUTY LEADER of the House of Commons, broadcasting last night, declared the events of the next few weeks, even the next few days, would be vitally important.

"We must be worthy of our men on sea and land and in the air who have shown the bravery, devotion and skill we expected of them.

"We are determined the enemy shall not succeed but this requires we should mobilise all our resources.

"The services and property of all must be at the disposal of the Government in the common task. Everyone, however, should continue doing their ordinary work until instructed otherwise.

"In exercising its powers the Government will do its utmost to avoid injustices to individuals and will work in close co-operation with organised Labour and employers."

Appealing to everybody to do their utmost, Mr. Attlee said: "Above all, don't get rattled. With brave hearts and cool heads we shall come through this ordeal triumphantly."

### Control Of Property

Continuing, Mr. Attlee said: "There is power to inspect premises and to require employers to produce their books. Object is to mobilise the effective resources to the nation for whatever tasks may come upon us.

"I am convinced the work will be done with the goodwill of all and with the co-operation of organised Labour.

"Let me now deal with a few points regarding control over property.

"Some establishments will be controlled altogether right away. Others may be controlled later.

"They will in effect be working on Government account. Wages and profits will be under Government control.

"The excess profits tax will be at the rate of 100 per cent. There will be no profit out of the national emergency. (Cheers).

"Other establishments may be ordered to carry on, may be ordered perhaps to carry on at a loss, but there must be the power to carry on essential services, and if people may put it in a position where they are making losses they must have adequate remuneration for doing the job.

### Work For People Not Private Profit

"The essential thing is that over a wide field of industry—how it will be done I cannot say at the moment—industry will be carried on for the community in effect and not for private profit.

"There may be destruction of property here and there. One cannot tell what will happen.

"There is the difficult question of compensation. There will have to be full reconsideration of compensation when the emergency is past, and in the meantime there may be interim compensation.

"There may have to be control of the finances of the country. That may be done centrally or it may be, if conditions require it, that it will have to be done through the regional commissioners, to whom special financial officials will be attached."

### EARL OF ATHLONE MEETS CANADIAN FORCES

London, To-day.

The Earl of Athlone, Governor-General designate of Canada, and Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, met Canadian and Newfoundland troops yesterday when they visited the rendezvous at the Royal Empire Society.—Reuter.

## DEFENCE OF THE REALM

London, To-day.

The Emergency Powers Defence Bill to which Mr. Attlee referred in the Commons was published yesterday afternoon; it extends the powers exercised by the King under the Emergency Powers Defence Act, 1939.

It states: "By reason of the development of hostilities since that date it has become necessary to extend the said powers in order to secure that the whole resources of the community may be rendered immediately available when required for purposes connected with defence of the realm.

"An Order-in-Council may require persons to place themselves, their services and their property at the disposal of the King for securing the public safety, defence of the realm, maintenance of public order or the efficient prosecution of the war and also for maintaining supplies or services essential to the life of the community."—Reuter.

(Full Details of the Debate on the Bill Will Be Found in Page Six.)

## LABOUR IN COMMONS

London, To-day.

The Labour Parliamentary Party has re-affirmed its confidence in Mr. Clement Attlee as its leader and has appointed Mr. Lees Smith to act as chairman.

The Party has decided to accept the Speaker's ruling that there is no official Opposition in the House in the sense that there is no party capable of forming an alternative Government.—Reuter.

### PAY FOR WOMEN IN ENGINEERING

London, To-day.

An agreement has been reached between employers and the Trade Unions in connection with the rates of pay for women in engineering.

If, after 32 weeks, a woman does not require special supervision and can carry on the same work as a man, she will get a man's wages and a man's bonus.—Reuter.



# B.E.F. IN THICK OF THE ACTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

IT IS STILL IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE A CLEAR PICTURE OF THE MILITARY SITUATION IN THE CRITICAL ZONE NORTH OF THE SOMME, WHICH CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS EXTREMELY CONFUSED.

The brunt of the heavy fighting is being borne by British and French troops in the area between Douai, Cambrai and Arras, but no details can be pieced together with accuracy.

**The German forces appear to have made some slight progress at Cambrai, but the recapture of Arras has improved the situation.**

Meantime, the Germans are continuing raids in the direction of the Channel and trying desperately, in spite of tremendous losses to consolidate the positions gained by advance elements.

The lines of the Somme and Aisne are holding without difficulty, and while military circles declare the situation is substantially unchanged, they agree that if anything it is more satisfactory than yesterday's developments suggested.

North of the Somme the situation is confused owing to the presence of small German detachments moving through Picardy.

In north Belgium fighting is going on between Allied and German troops.

In the Cambrai sector the fluctuations in the struggle are shown by the re-establishment of the situation in favour of the Allies at Arras.

The Somme and Aisne, and the whole line from the Aisne to the region south-west of Sedan, and from Sedan along the entire Maginot Line up to Switzerland, is strongly held.

## Motorcycle Units

Military circles, referring to the situation in Picardy north of the Somme, say complete information from this area is not available.

It appears that small enemy detachments, consisting mainly of groups of motor-cyclists equipped with machineguns, are attacking more or less successfully our communications.

One of these elements occupied the suburbs of Amiens and another attacked Abbeville station.

During this attack two Frenchmen in the station tried to escape by swimming across the Somme but the Germans opened fire on them. One was killed but the other got to a telephone on the other side and gave the alarm.

## Bridges Destroyed

All bridges over the Somme have been destroyed by the French and the Germans do not appear to possess at present the considerable means which are necessary to cross the river.

On the Aisne the situation is unchanged. The Germans have not renewed their efforts to break through in the Rethel region.

## Heavy German Losses

In the region of Montmedy the resistance of our fortified regions and considerable German losses have apparently caused the enemy to interrupt their offensive operations there.

The Germans have not launched new attacks and have even stopped the heavy artillery fire which they had maintained for the last three or four days.—Havas.

## Shuttling To and Fro

Paris, To-day.

The French War Office spokesman said yesterday that enemy motor-cycle and mechanised detachments in the Amiens sector were shuttling back and forth between the fighting zone and the coast. This did not mean effective occupation.

The British and French troops were

heavily engaging the enemy in the Cambrai sector.

The French were entrenched on the south bank of the River Aisne and the Germans had not renewed their attacks in the Rethel sector.

South-east of Arras in the Cambrai sector, fighting is going first one way and then another.

In northern Belgium, Allied and German troops are fighting hard in the Scheldt sector.—Reuter.

## RAIDING PARTIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

A General Staff communique says the enemy's pressure continued in the

direction of the coast in the form of raids by small motorised detachments. Arras is at present in our hands.

In Lorraine, the enemy having directed fire against three towns behind our front, we bombarded three towns behind the German lines.—Havas.

## Weygand Satisfied

Paris, To-day.

General Weygand, back from a tour of inspection of the war zone in Belgium and northern France, expressed satisfaction last night with the morale and material equipment of the troops, whose fighting spirit he found unimpaired by the hard struggle of the past two weeks.

Military circles in close touch with the Generalissimo emphasise that the situation is still grave but point out that the main bodies of the German troops have not consolidated the gains made by the motorised columns.—Reuter.

## Half Million Casualties

London, To-day.

The German troops have suffered enormous casualties in the offensive in northern France, according to the Paris radio.

The number of enemy casualties is estimated at 500,000.—Reuter.

## MR. CHURCHILL VISITS FRANCE

London, To-day.

Mr. Winston Churchill, accompanied by military, naval and air advisers, paid a short visit to France yesterday to consult with M. Reynaud, the French Premier, and General Weygand, supreme commander of the Allied armies. Mr. Churchill returned to London in the evening.—Reuter.

## B.E.F. Line Holds Everywhere

London, To-day.

It was learned in London last night that the B.E.F. front has been held everywhere and casualties are not heavy.

The British counter-attacked between Arras and Douai, but the results are not yet known.

The Belgians launched counter-attacks against the German troops who had crossed the Scheldt in two places, and both counter-attacks were successful.—Reuter.

## SNATCHERS ESCAPE

Walking in Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, yesterday morning, Mrs. Moore, of No. 271, Prince Edward Road, had her hand-bag snatched by two Chinese who escaped.



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## HITLER ADDS TO HIS PROBLEMS

London, To-day.

It is the opinion of economic experts that Hitler has been impelled to make what looks like the immense gamble of his recent offensive on the Western Front by the fact that he cannot see his way through another winter.

It is evident that Allied economic warfare has made its mark on Germany.

In the case of food, available supplies are probably sufficient for the territory of the old Reich but the problem is now complicated by the German invasion of other countries.

Both Belgium and Holland are highly industrialised, densely populated and far from self-sufficient.

Considerable damage has been done to agricultural areas in Holland and probably Germany, instead of obtaining supplies from this source as in the past, will have to assist the Dutch to feed themselves. The Belgian population has always been extremely dependent on overseas imports for food.

### Shortage of Doctors

Information available, it is believed that the German population generally is showing the effects of the serious deterioration in labour conditions in the Reich since the war began.

Civilians are also affected by a shortage of trained doctors.

The number of registered medical practitioners in the Reich fell from 56,000 in 1932 to 38,000 in 1939 and the latter figure only gives five doctors to 10,000 of the population compared with eleven in Britain.—British Wireless.

## NAZI PLANES SWARM OVER SWEDEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

German seaplanes have violated Swedish neutrality at a score of points, notably in the region of the iron mines in the extreme north.

Here they were fired upon by anti-aircraft guns and one German machine is reported to have been damaged.

The Swedish Minister in Berlin has been instructed to lodge a firm protest.—Havas.

## HUNGARY'S PACT WITH REICH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day.

Well-informed circles state an agreement was concluded recently between Hungary and Germany on all financial and economic questions arising out of the annexation by the Reich and Hungary of parts of Czecho-Slovakia.—Havas.

\*\*\*This report may dispose of the recent Japanese newspaper story that Germany and Hungary had concluded a military agreement.

## GERMAN BARBARITY DENOUNCED

London, To-day.

Horror at the "barbarity and inhumanity" of the Germans was expressed by Colonel James Sparkes, commander of the United States ambulance corps in France, in a microphone interview on the Paris radio.

Col. Sparkes said the Germans deliberately attacked his ambulances although they were plainly marked with the Red Cross and although his people had made a practice of attending to German wounded, when they encountered any.

Col. Sparkes declared he had also been terribly shocked to see the Germans attacking long lines of unhappy refugees streaming along the roads.

He had seen German planes flying low over these people bombing and machinegunning them mercilessly.

"Whatever we Americans can do as a mark of our indignation against these barbarians and to help these people we should do," said Col. Sparkes.—Reuter.

## PRICE CONTROL IN MANCHURIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hsinking, To-day.

Plans for strict control of prices and distribution of staple commodities have been fully worked out by the Manchukuo planning bureau and will shortly be presented to the State Council. The new plans aim to do away with the sectional control of prices and to enforce a single control system. Measures putting the plans into effect will be promulgated in the latter part of June.—Havas.

## U.S. AMBULANCE WORKERS MISSING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Four American ambulance workers are missing and one is slightly wounded, the Corps revealed yesterday. Two ambulances have been lost.

It is thought, however, that they may have encountered difficulties in rejoining their section and hope is not yet given up.—Havas.

## LARGE ORDERS FOR U.S. PLANES

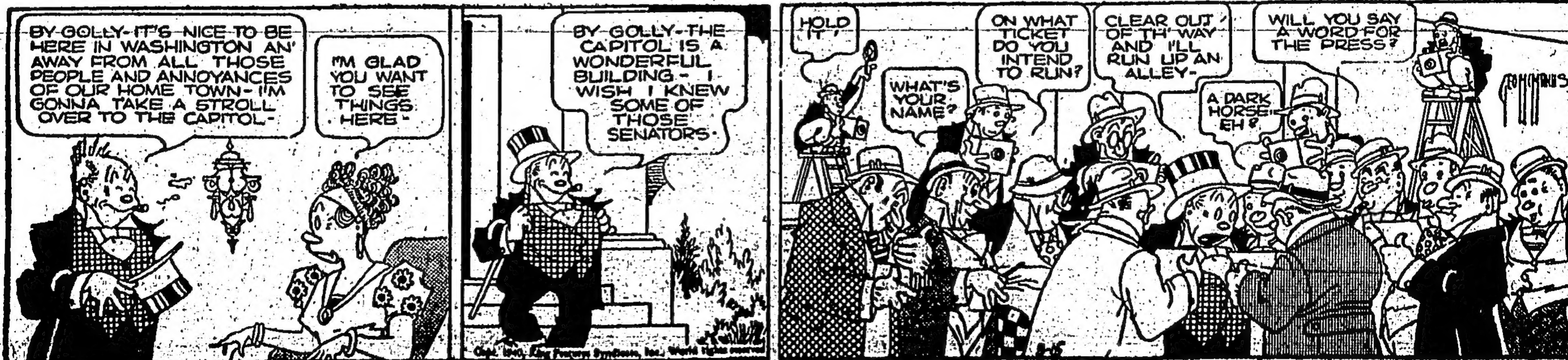
London, To-day.

Replying to a Commons question, the Parliamentary Secretary for Aircraft Production stated that large orders for the most modern aircraft had been placed by Britain in U.S.A.

Mr. Llewellyn added that the delivery of these aircraft was being expedited to the utmost possible extent.—British Wireless.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus





## MR. DUFF-COOPER'S BROADCAST TO EMPIRE

London, To-day.

"In the firing line men from all over the British Commonwealth of Nations are fighting with wonderful gallantry and grit," said Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, the Minister of Information, in a broadcast to the Empire last night.

"The British Expeditionary Force," he said, "will yet show the Germans to their cost of what the men of the British Empire are made.

"The Royal Air Force have played a heroic part. When the history of this battle comes to be written, it will perhaps be recorded that the men of the R.A.F., from far and wide in the British Commonwealth, saved France and England and all we hold precious from disaster and defeat.

"To-day the situation is perhaps graver than at the time of the last war. That does not mean defeat is on the horizon but the gravity of the position does mean we must steel ourselves for news of reverses and that the call of the dangers of war has been brought much nearer those whose duty lies in the British Isles.

"We know there is no bound to Hitler's lust for world power and we know in what contempt he holds all non-German races and peoples, especially those of Africa and Asia.

### United Resolve

"I know the people of the British Commonwealth will play their part as nobly as the people of these islands.

"We hear with as great a pride as you feel of the deeds of men from the Dominions, India and the Colonies in the fighting areas.

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## FIVE NAZI TRANSPORTS SUNK

London, To-day.

It is learned in London that at least five German transports and supply ships have been successfully sunk in the past ten days and others sunk by mines.

Germany has now lost more shipping through Allied action than Britain has through German action.

Total German mercantile loss is 820,000 tons, or one-fifth of pre-war tonnage.

War wastage and British losses are more than made up by capture, charterings and new construction.—Reuter.

## MANCHUKUO BANS FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hsinking, To-day.

The Manchukuo Government has forbidden the further use of Federal Reserve banknotes in its territory. Between three and four million dollars of these notes are at present circulating in Manchukuo; they were brought there in payment for staple produce smuggled into North China from Jehol and north Hsingan.—Havas.

## MR. GREENWOOD AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

London, To-day.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace last evening.—British Wireless.

## NO REASON FOR PESSIMISM

— GEN. SMUTS

Pretoria, To-day.

During a speech at a civic reception in his honour yesterday, General Smuts, the Premier, declared there was no reason to be pessimistic and asked the public to suspend judgment.

He added: "Our army is intact. There has been no great defeat.

"The new methods of warfare that have been tried have done much that has rather upset our apperception but our armies are there. You still have the best fighting army on God's earth.

"The principles for which we are fighting—liberty, self-government, freedom and the existence of small nations—are worth any number of armies.

"They are our reinforcement and they will see us through."—Reuter.

## PRODUCTION COUNCIL

London, To-day.

The Minister of Labour is to be given the responsibility of supplying the labour required for the munitions programme and he proposes to set up at once a Production Council consisting of representatives of the chief Government departments concerned with munitions supplies—the Admiralty, Ministry of Aircraft Production, Ministry of Supply, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Mines, which would be presided over by the Minister without Portfolio, Mr. Arthur Greenwood.

The first meeting of the Munitions Production Council was held last night.—British Wireless.



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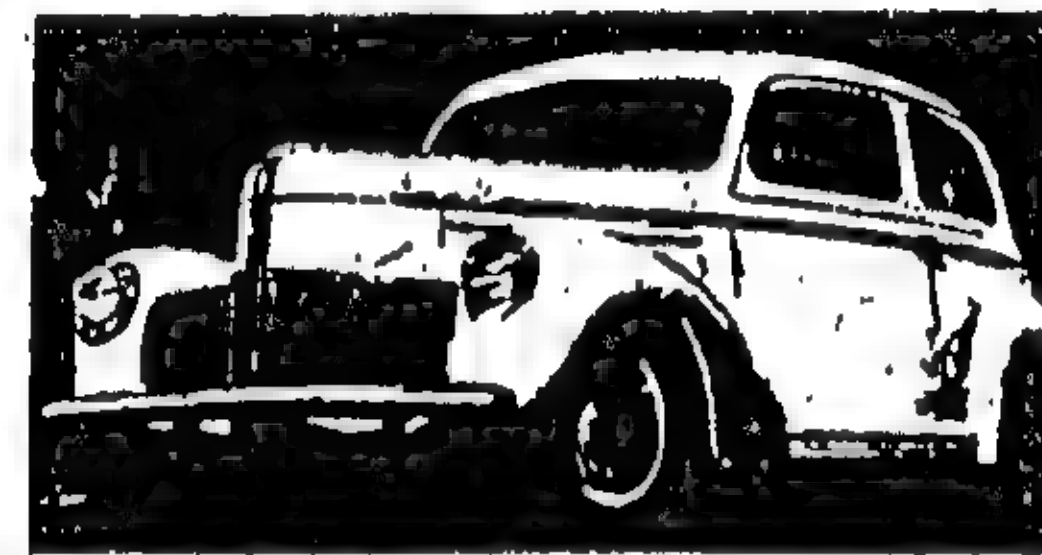
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## SITUATION IN TSINGTAO RAISED IN COMMONS

London, Yesterday.

MR. R. H. MORGAN (Cons.) asked Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons yesterday whether his attention had been called to regulations published on March 30 by the Tsingtao municipal council.

The regulations empowered the municipality to commandeer land in the district and forbade the transfer of ownership of land without the permission of the authorities.

Mr. Morgan asked what steps the Government had taken to protect British interests.

Mr. Butler replied he had seen the regulations.

He added it appeared that on April 1 the special municipal administration at Tsingtao issued regulations removing certain restrictions previously imposed.

His Majesty's Government naturally reserved all rights of British subjects under these regulations but up to the present no actual case had arisen in which British interests were affected.—Reuter.

### Shipping Difficulties

London, To-day.

Mr. R. H. Morgan (Cons.) asked the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, in the Commons yesterday whether he was aware that the refusal of adequate wharfage facilities at Tsingtao still continues.

Was he aware that additional berths understood to have been opened to third power vessels on January 13 were unavailable until March 20 and then only to a limited extent, although they had been frequently vacant during the period? Would Mr. Butler lay on the table a report on the whole question of discrimination by the Japanese authorities against British shipping?

### Ship Berths

Mr. Butler, in reply, said in recent weeks some three-fourths of all British vessels calling at Tsingtao had been allotted berths at wharves. Additional berths opened in January were made available to British ships for the first time on May 4 and 5.

Though the situation could not be described as satisfactory there was a noticeable change for the better in the treatment of third power nationals and shipping.

As regards the last part of the question, full information had been given the House from time to time and under certain circumstances the Foreign Secretary was not prepared to lay further papers.—Reuter.

## KENT BOMBS

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry and the Minister of Home Security announce that German 'planes jettisoned their bombs in two places on the south-east coast on Tuesday night.

Some of the bombs fell on land, others in the sea. There were no casualties.

One cluster of bombs fell in a village and did slight damage to a poultry farm.—Reuter.

## MORE CANADIAN TROOPS LAND

London, To-day.

The fifth Canadian contingent, consisting of ancillary units and reinforcements for the First Canadian Division arrived at a British port yesterday.

All are volunteers. Some were in the last war, but the majority are making their first trip to the Old Country. There were a number of stowaways, anxious to do their bit for Canada and the Allies.—Reuter.

## BRITISH PLAN TO DEAL WITH PARACHUTISTS

London, To-day.

The encouraging response to the appeal for the local defence volunteer force was mentioned when the Commons debated the new organisation last night.

Feature of the debate was the speech of Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, former War Minister, who thought seasoned troops should be used to parry a dangerous menace like parachutists.

Mr. R. K. Law, Financial Secretary to the War Office, assured Mr. Hore-Belisha the Government did not intend to be late this time.

The new force would be big enough to cover the whole country. Its purpose was not to provide whole protection of the country against aerial invasion but to perform emergency duties pending the arrival of regular forces.

Rifles would be kept in magazines and as a measure of economy and to ensure that no Quislings got possession of arms.—Reuter.

## GERMANS GET SEVERE SHOCK

GENEVA, TO-DAY.

THE "TRIBUNE DE GENEVE" SAYS NAZI PROPAGANDA MANOEUVRES DISPARAGING THE BEHAVIOUR OF BRITISH SOLDIERS IS PROBABLY ASCRIBABLE TO GERMAN AMAZEMENT AND ANGER AT THE TERRIBLE EFFICIENCY OF THE BRITISH AIR FORCE.

When the Allies obtain numerical superiority in aeroplanes the Germans will have to abandon all idea of air mastery.

This is one of the reasons why the German High Command is hastening to inflict a decisive blow before it is too late.—Reuter.

## MR. CHURCHILL THANKS SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
Shanghai, To-day.

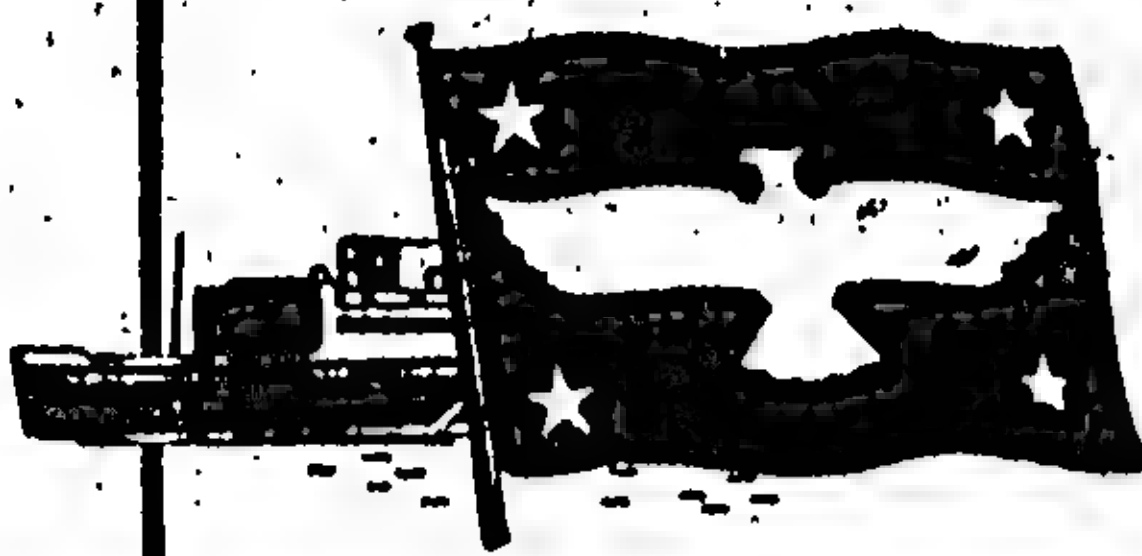
Reciprocating the wishes extended to him by local British societies upon his assumption of the Premiership, Mr. Winston Churchill wired to Shanghai the following message:—"Thank you for your kind message. Good wishes greatly appreciated—Winston Churchill."

### MOTOR ACCIDENT

Driving in Castle Peak Road near the Kowloon Bus Company yesterday, Miss W. F. Lee, swerved suddenly to the right to avoid a cyclist, and knocked down a woman pedestrian. The woman sustained a fractured leg and was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.



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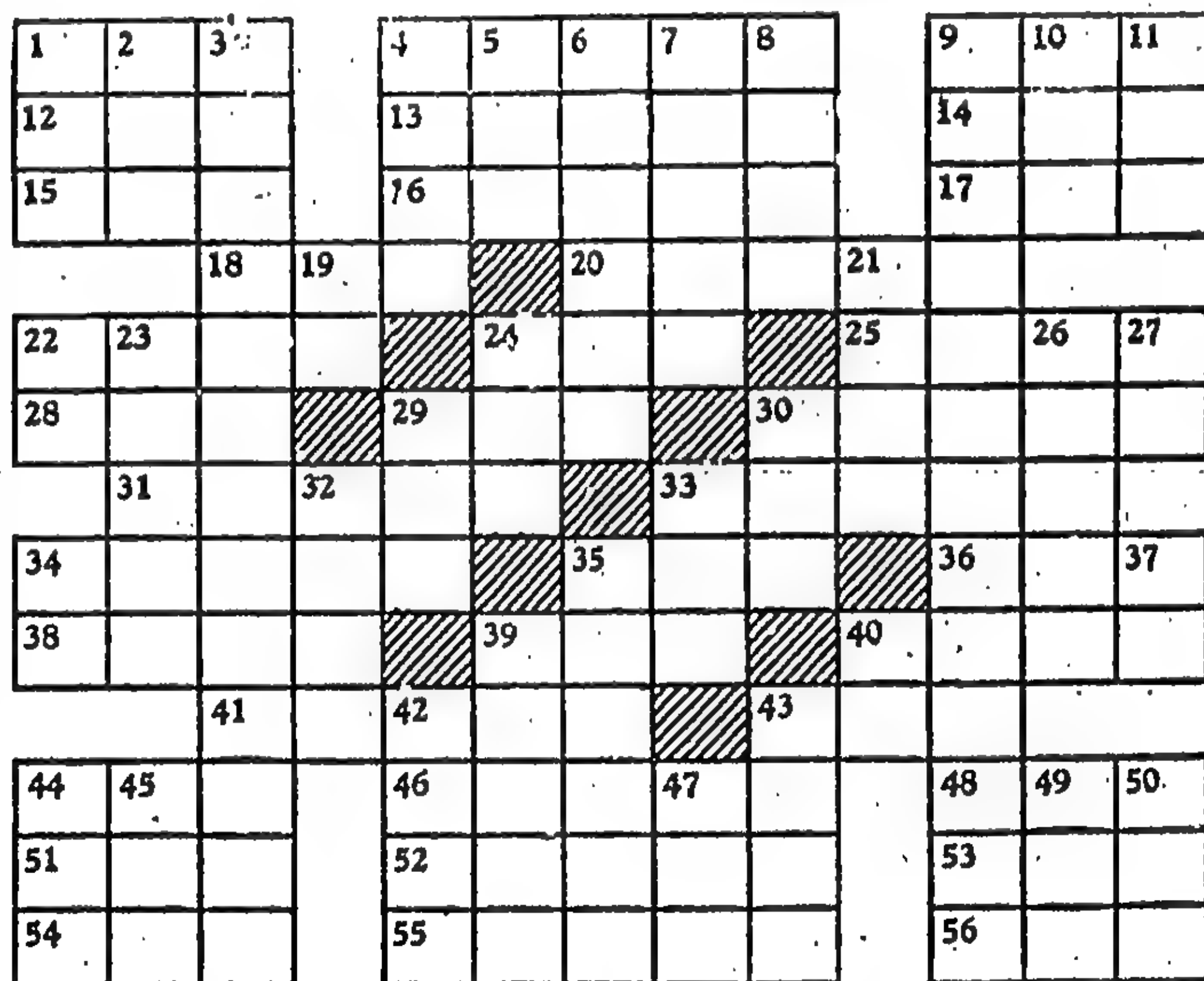
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- 9 Pore over
- 12 Before
- 13 Large bivalve
- 14 Anglo-Saxon money
- 15 Bulgarian coin
- 16 Growing out
- 17 Pen point
- 18 Head organ
- 20 Liquid measures
- 22 Mountain lake
- 24 Sheltered side
- 25 Vehicle
- 28 Reflux
- 29 Kind of fish
- 30 City in Italy
- 31 To yield
- 33 Emporiums
- 34 Pertaining to a wall
- 35 Cabbage genus
- 36 Consumed
- 38 Having wings
- 39 To weaken
- 40 Solar disc
- 41 Volumes

#### VERTICAL

- 43 Indo-Chinese language
- 44 Garland
- 46 Ammonia compound
- 48 Eggs
- 51 Samoan mudworm
- 52 Vessel
- 53 Insect egg
- 54 Rumpus
- 55 Fruit of oak tree
- 56 Body of water

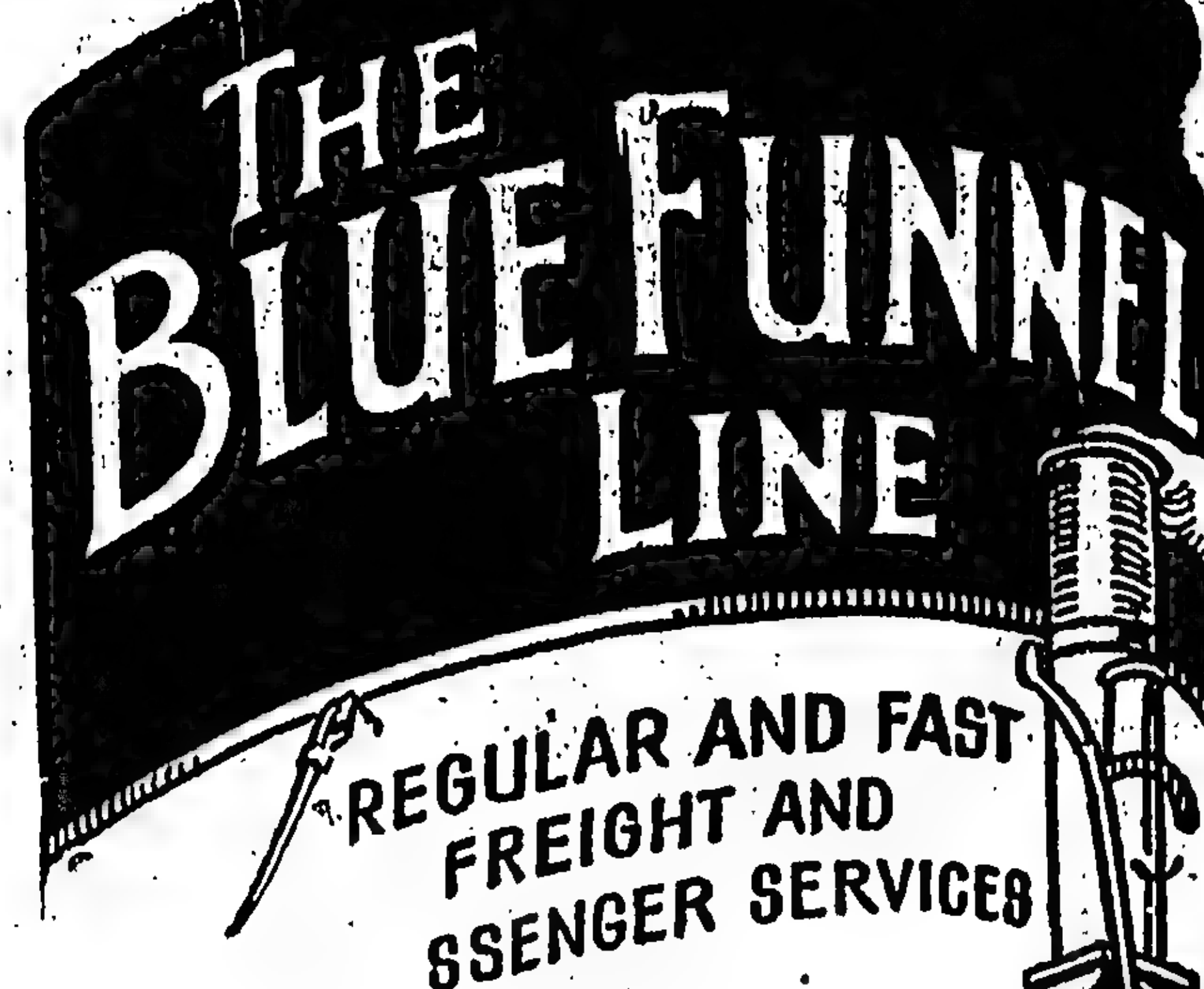
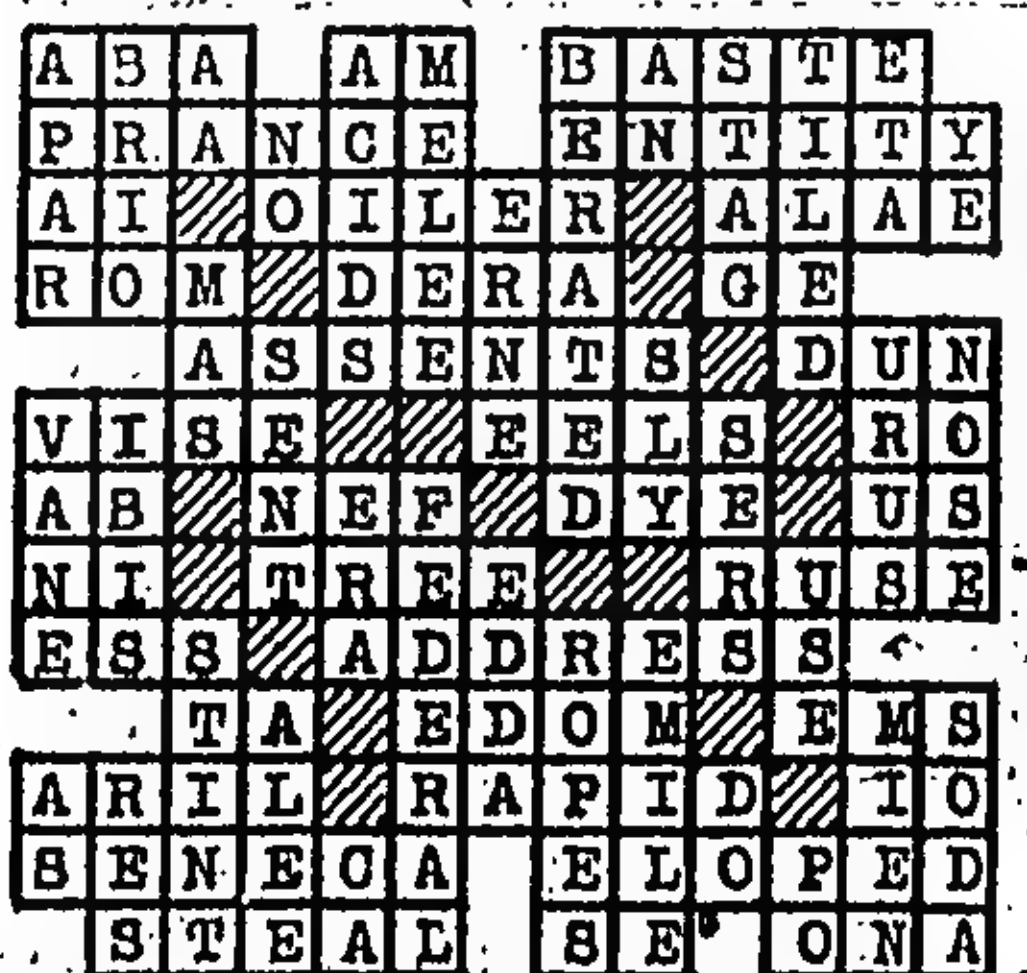
#### VERTICAL

- 1 Babylonian deity
- 2 Part of "to be"
- 3 Echo
- 4 Imitator
- 5 Storage crib
- 6 Catapult
- 7 To release
- 8 Chinese coin
- 9 Conferences
- 10 Crude metal
- 11 To catch

#### VERTICAL

- 19 Article
- 21 Den
- 22 Symbol for tellurium
- 23 Turkish name
- 24 Malay gibbon
- 26 Savour
- 27 Preposition
- 29 Coagulate by setting
- 30 A male
- 32 Card game
- 33 To clean
- 34 Parent
- 35 Italian summer-house
- 37 Printer's measure
- 39 Pertaining to a semeion
- 40 Cooled lava
- 42 Offenses
- 43 Gull-like bird
- 44 Cover
- 45 Pagoda finial
- 47 Biblical name
- 49 To contend
- 50 Philippine savage

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## AMERICA REVISES PROGRAMME

Washington, To-day.

"The startling sequence of international events has necessitated a review of the measures required for the nation's safety," declared President Roosevelt in a message to Congress yesterday.

He asked Congress to approve the transfer of the immigration and naturalisation service from the Department of Labour to the Department of Justice.

This, said President Roosevelt, would enable the Government to deal quickly with aliens whose conduct "conflicts with the public interest."

The "review" mentioned by the President disclosed the "pressing need" for the suggested transfer, he added.—Reuter.

## CANADA TO FOLLOW BRITISH LEAD?

Ottawa, To-day.

Official circles voice general approval of the British Parliament's decision to give the Government full powers.

The Opposition leader, Mr. Hanson, predicted similar action will eventually be necessary in Canada.—Reuter.

## RECOVERY ON STOCK MARKET

London, To-day.

The Stock Exchange initially was quiet yesterday, with prices lower, but on receipt of more cheerful war news a recovery ensued with trading more active. Although final prices showed small losses on the day they were generally well above the day's lowest levels.

Wall Street was easy. — Reuter.

## TREACHERY BILL GIVEN 2ND READING

London, To-day.

The Home Secretary, Sir John Anderson, moved the second reading of the Treachery Bill in the House of Commons yesterday.

The main provision of the Bill provides the death penalty in certain grave cases of espionage or sabotage performed with intent to help the enemy.

Sir John Anderson explained the Bill was designed to regularise the legal position and fill some possible loopholes in the existing emergency legislation.

One important point was that it was thought desirable to make provision to enable enemy aliens to be tried in suitable cases by courts martial.

Any British subject or neutral alien however, would retain the right to trial by jury.

Mr. G. M. Garro-Jones (Labour) interposed with a question about enemy aliens who possibly arrive in uniform.

### Parachutists

Sir John Anderson said if the country was invaded and the ordinary processes of law ceased to function in areas of active military operations, there should be available power for dealing effectively with cases of treachery covered by the present Bill. The present measure was designed to meet such a situation.

Mr. J. R. Clynes (Labour) and Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Liberal) supported the Bill. — Reuter.

### Without Division

London, To-day.

The House of Commons adopted the second reading of the Treachery Bill without division.

During the debate the Attorney-General showed how parachutists were affected by the measure.

If the enemy descended in plain clothes, unarmed, and not as part of an attack but hoping to commit espionage, he would be subject to the provisions of the Bill, but people descending in plain clothes as part of an attacking force would be dealt with in the same way as uniformed attackers but with the added disadvantage of not having the privileges attaching in international law to uniformed soldiers.

### Passes All Stages

The Treachery Bill was read a third time in the Commons and sent to the Lords, who will pass it through all stages to-day.—Reuter.

### WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone remains centred over South Japan; it has increased slightly in intensity and extended north-westward. The depression is stationary over Indo-China and another may be developing over the Loochoos.

## U.S. DEFENCE VOTES PASSED

Washington, To-day.

The Senate naval appropriations sub-committee has approved the addition of \$478,000,000 to the Navy Supply Bill to provide an increase of 25,000 men in the Navy's enlisted strength.

The sub-committee acted with the telephoned approval of President Roosevelt.

Total funds being made available to the Navy under the expanded defence programme are now \$1,464,000,000 compared with \$1,823,000,000 for the army.

The full committee later approved the action of the sub-committee.

The Navy Department spokesman told Reuter the Navy's enlisted strength would be raised from 145,000 to 170,000.—Reuter.

### Army Appropriation

Washington, To-day.

The Senate yesterday passed the \$1,823,000,000 Army Appropriation Bill which includes most of the money asked by President Roosevelt for the Emergency Defence Bill.

It now returns to the House for action on amendments.

The Bill as passed by the Senate provides for 2,566 military planes, many anti-aircraft weapons, tanks and anti-tank guns, as well as funds to raise the army peacetime personnel from the present figure of 227,000 to 280,000.—Reuter.

## REGULATIONS FOR REFUGEES

London, To-day.

The Home Secretary has made an Order requiring war refugees to comply with the special restrictions imposed on aliens as if they were enemy aliens.

The Order provides that aliens over the age of 16 shall not travel more than five miles from their registered place of residence without a police permit, and prohibits the possession of certain articles such as explosive, motor vehicles, cameras and maps.—Reuter.

### LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 7/8.

Silver was quoted at 21-3/16 spot and 21-1/16 forward.

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## FAR-REACHING PLANS FOR INDUSTRY

London, To-day.

Reuter's lobby correspondent learns that the plans for Government control of industry are very far-reaching.

Labour is not only to be compulsorily transferred to war factories but to the land and coal mines.

Control over agriculture will extend to implements, crops will be grown, requisitioned and distributed.

The Government will meet the cost of transferring labour from one district to another.

Existing Trade Union agreements will be preserved but there will be a general relaxation of overtime regulations and a widespread degree of dilution by agreement with the Unions.

Wages and profits will be under Government control.

### Private Property

The plans for control of the banks are almost complete.

There will be no interference with private property of a purely personal character at the moment but the Gov-

## WATER-PUMP THEFT

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, Ng-Hung, 20 and Chan Chikwan, 28, were charged with larceny of a water pump.

Det.-Sergt. V. Morrison said defendants went to No. 320, Lockhart Road, and said that they were sent to repair the pump, and took it away.

From 60 or 80 pumps have been stolen from the Wanchai district in the last two months.

Defendants were each sentenced to six weeks hard labour.

## SUGAR RATION CUT NEXT MONDAY

London, To-day.

The reduction in the domestic sugar ration recently announced comes into force on May 27.—British Wireless.

The case in which seven persons, including three lads, are charged with possession of a large number of forged banknotes, was adjourned a week by Mr. E. Himsworth this morning when they appeared on remand.

ernment if necessary will requisition at short notice personal effects such as motorcars and houses, including furniture and stocks and shares.

Among the plans proposed are powers for the compulsory evacuation of the civilian population from certain areas should the necessity arise.—Reuter.

## WANG-ABE NEGOTIATIONS STILL HELD UP

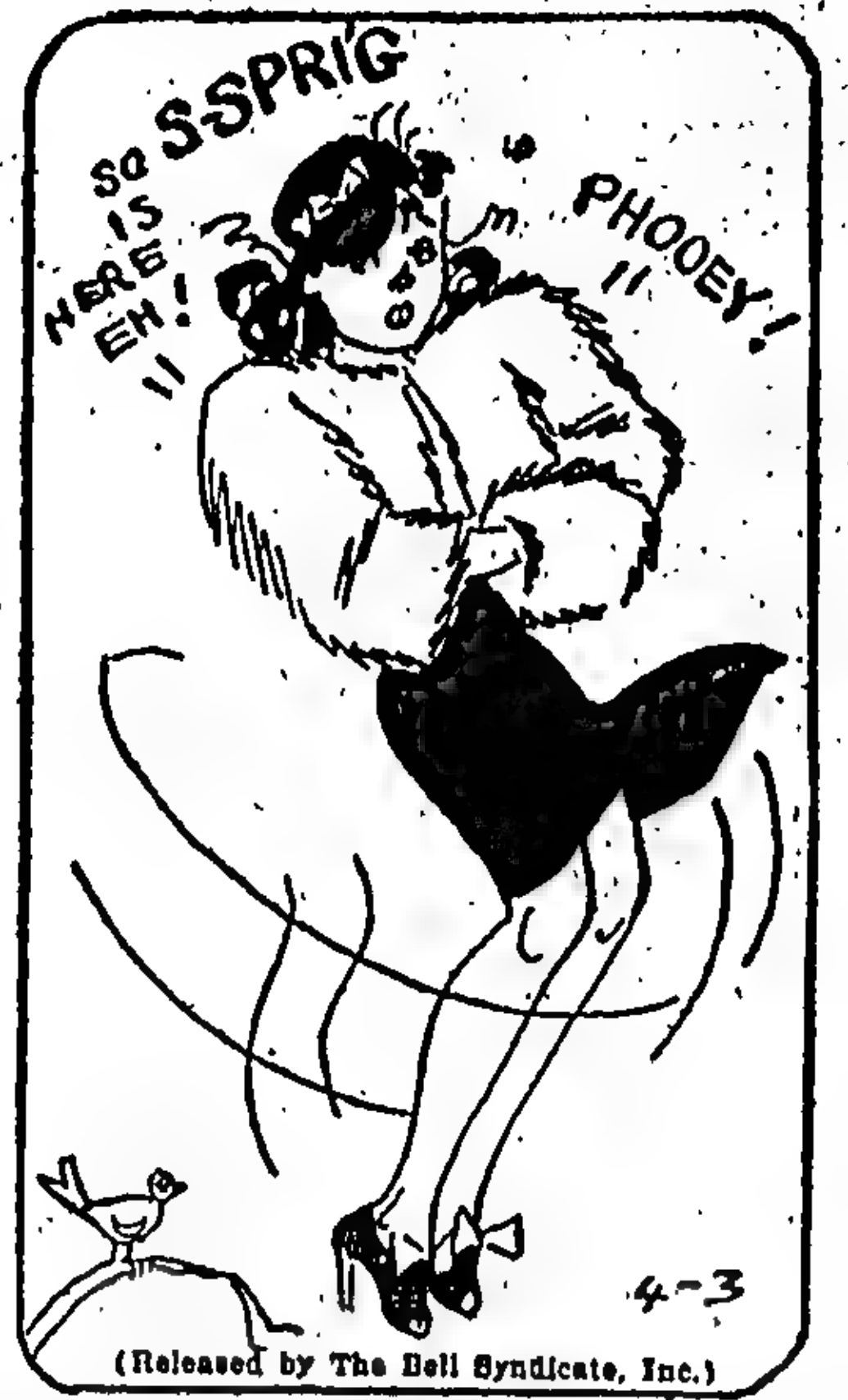
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CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

THE CHINESE SIDE IS ENTIRELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DELAY IN OPENING THE LONG EXPECTED NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN WANG CHING-WEI AND GENERAL ABE, ACCORDING TO MAJOR-GENERAL TEIICHI SUZUKI, CHIEF OF THE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE CHINA AFFAIRS BOARD, WHO REPORTED TO THIS EFFECT TO THE CABINET.

The "Hochi Shimbun," which carries this report, says that as soon as the Chinese side completes its preparations the negotiations on readjustment of Sino-Japanese relations will begin.

The paper points out the importance of Major-General Suzuki's statement in view of the general belief that a deadlock has been reached in the "adjustment" of Sino-Japanese relations.—Havas.



Spring has been here for a couple of weeks but judging from the nip in the air Jack Frost is loathe to go into hibernation.

## POWER STATION MISHAP

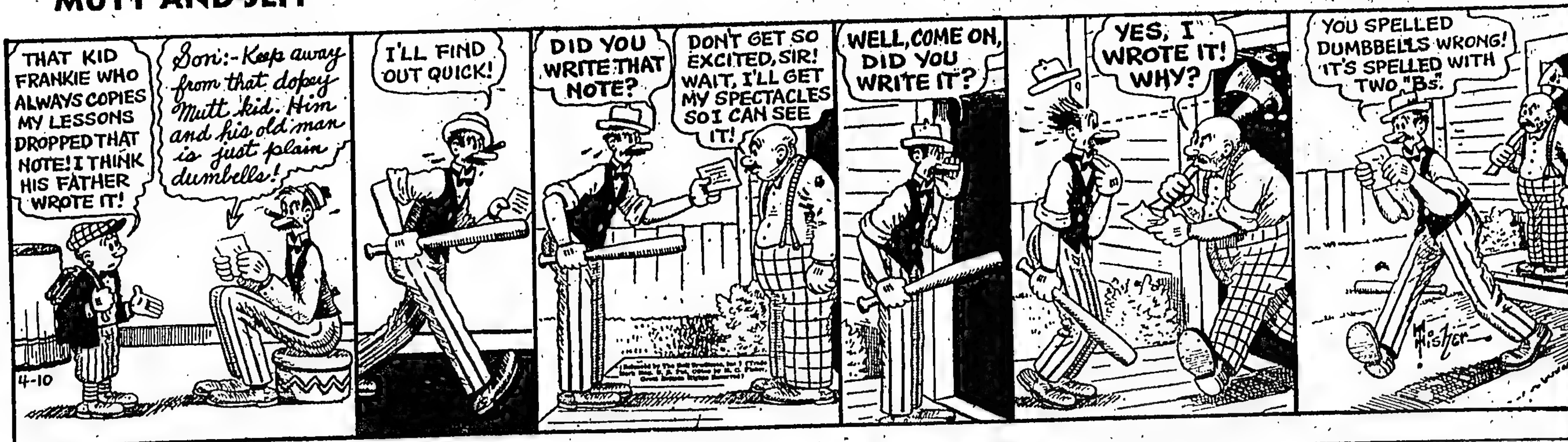
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mann).  
The Skaters—Waltz (Gung'l).  
The Clock and The Dresden China Figures (Ketelbey).  
Forest Idyll (Esslinger).  
The Hermit (Impression from the picture by Arnold Böcklin—Schmalstich).  
Viennese Memories of Lehar (arr. Henry Hall).  
8.35 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Fely Morales (Coloratura Soprano) with Piano accompaniment by Nura Kanis.

1. Maids of Cadiz (Delibes).  
2. Sakali Man (Dr. F. Santiago).  
3. Una Voce Poco Fa (from "Il Barbiere Di Siviglia"—Rossini).  
8.55 p.m.—Bizet—Ballet Suite—Joux D'Enfants, Op. 22. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.  
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Sum-

mary.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Vive la France".  
9.45 p.m.—Songs by Ninon Vallin (Soprano).  
Si Mes Vers Avalent Des Ailes (Hugo and Hahn)...with Orchestral accomp.  
Serenade (Toselli-D'Amor); Elegie (Massenet-Gallet)...with Piano and Violoncello.  
9.55 p.m.—Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler.  
Caprice Viennois (Kreisler); Tambourin Chinois (Kreisler)...with Piano accomp. by Franz Rupp.  
Liebesfreud (Kreisler)...with Piano accomp. by C. Lamson.  
Serenade Espagnol (Glazounov, arr. Kreisler); Jota (De Falla)...with Piano accomp. by Michael Rauchenstein.  
10.13 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Op. 64. New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.  
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Background to the News".  
11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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## TOO VALIANT

A certain well-known expert once made the startling assertion that against some players he would sometimes refrain from bidding what he felt to be a sure game in order to acquire a partial score. He would of course do this only against certain specified opponents and when both sides were vulnerable. His claim was that some players were overvaliant in defending against a part score. Thus, if the cards ran slightly in his favour, he would garner some sizeable penalties and frequently wind up with a tremendous rubber.

We cannot agree with this expert's contention, and would never under any conditions pass up a chance to win the rubber; but we do admit that some players seem to get a panicky feeling that their opponents can always make whatever contract they bid. Here is a typical example:

East, Dealer  
Both sides vulnerable  
East-West 50 on score

10  
9 8 7 3  
6 5 4  
Q J 10 7 2

Q 7 6 3  
10 5 2  
J 8  
A 9 6 4

N  
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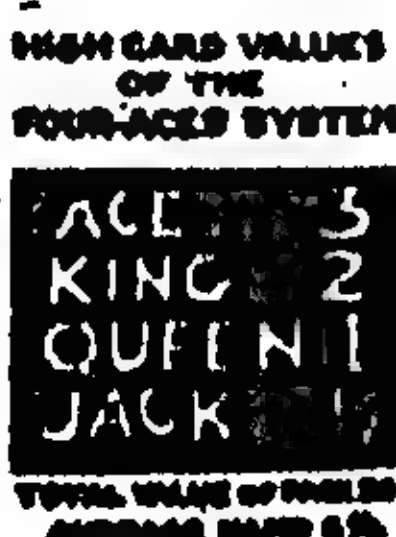
A 9 5 3  
A J 6 4  
A 7  
K 8 3

K J 8 4  
K Q  
K Q 10 9 8 2  
5

### The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1NT	20	Pass	Pass
20	80	30	Pass
Pass	30	Dbl.	40
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

South was in reasonable bounds in bidding up to three diamonds. However, when East and West contracted for three hearts, South should have realized that he had reached his limit and any further bid would be doubled. A glance at the East and West hand will reveal that three hearts cannot be made even if played double-dummy.



Actually, it would probably have been set two or three tricks.

South's last desperate bid was fatal. His opponents doubled three spades and then the four-diamond rescue bid. There was not much to play. At his first opportunity East drew two rounds of trumps so that South had to lose two spade tricks and one trick in each of the three other suits for a completely unnecessary 500-point penalty.

Yesterday, with both sides vulnerable, you were Howard Schenken's partner and held:

♠ A  
♥ K Q J x x  
♦ K x x  
♣ K x x x

The bidding:  
Burnstone You Jacoby Schenken  
1♣ 1♥ Pass 2♥  
Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct rebid is four hearts. At worst you should have a good play for this game contract.

Score 100% for four hearts, 40% for three hearts, 0 for any other bid.

### QUESTION NO. 417

David Bruce Burnstone is your partner to-day and you hold:

♠ K J 9 x x x  
♥ A x x  
♦ A x x  
♣ x

The bidding:  
You Maier Burnstone Jacoby  
1♣ Pass 2♣ Pass  
(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

## GERMAN PRESSURE IN NORWAY

London, To-day.  
Norwegian Headquarters reports that Allied and Norwegian troops in the Rana sector (between Narvik and Trondheim) have taken up new positions against the German advance and have made strategic moves during the last few days without the loss of a single man.

German losses have been heavy, especially among the Alpine troops from the Tyrol.—Reuter.

### Advance Halted

Somewhere in Norway, To-day.  
Lt.-Col. Roscher Nielsen, commanding Norwegian troops on the Helgeland front, some 160 miles south of Narvik, stated yesterday the German advance had been brought to a standstill.

The Norwegian and Allied forces were now established in good positions after a series of strategic movements

## BELGIAN GOVERNMENT IN BELGIUM

London, To-day.  
The Belgian Embassy in London states that contrary to news published by German sources, the Belgian Government is in Belgium, where it remains in close touch with King Leopold and the army.

Individual members have gone to France where they are taking immediate measures to deal with refugees and the calling to the colours of all Belgian men between the ages of 17 and 35 who are not already mobilised.—Reuter.

## TRAWLER SUNK BY ENEMY AIRCRAFT

London, To-day.  
The Admiralty announces that H. M. Trawler Rissness has been lost as a result of a bombing attack by a German plane. There were three casualties.—Reuter.

carried out with minimum loss. Lt.-Col. Nielsen added that heavy casualties had been inflicted on the Germans.—Reuter.



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# EASTERN MAY ABANDON PROPOSED INDIAN TOUR

## DUE TO LEAVE BY CLIPPER TO-DAY

THE NON-ARRIVAL of the "Honolulu Clipper" from Manila yesterday morning has delayed a historic journey that the flying boat would otherwise have made.

The Clipper was originally scheduled to leave Kai Tak for Manila this morning with 18 members of the Eastern Athletic Association Soccer team. With this large booking the vessel would have carried 57 passengers, which is believed to be a record for any commercial service plane in the East. The Clipper has been delayed at Manila owing to bad weather and is now not expected till to-day.

It is also learned that the Eastern team may not now go to India owing to some difficulty in connection with visas. Should the Indian section of their four-months' tour be cancelled, it will result in the cancellation of about 30 matches for which all arrangements have already been made in the principal cities of India.

According to present plans, the Eastern team is due to play three games in Manila before proceeding to Singapore where a programme of another four games awaits them.

They will then play a game each in Kuala Lumpur and Penang before going on to Rangoon, where they are due to figure in four matches against representative teams.

## "Y" GALA HANDICAPS

At a meeting of the European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Section yesterday the handicap events for the first gala of the season on Saturday at 9 p.m., were arranged.

Mr. E. W. Ralston was in the chair and was supported by Mrs. Boas (Women's Section), Messrs. L. A. Benn (Secretary), G. T. May, L. H. Chater and R. Goldman.

During the discussion the Committee decided that if a water-polo League were formed a team would be entered.

Following is the programme and entries for Saturday's gala, giving handicaps:

50 yards aggregate handicap:—Heat 1, J. P. Murphy, (go), A. Hunt (1), J. Slater (3), G. Arnold (5). Heat 2, F. Newman (go), L. H. Jordan (2), F. A. Weller (3), A. Dodd (5). Heat 3, G. Weddall (go), V. Karpusheff (3), R. Goldman (5), G. Hume (7).

Women's 50 yards aggregate handicap:—Heat 1, M. McCaw (go), B. Sullivan (2), D. Craig (9). Heat 2, D. McCaw (go), N. Jordan (7), E. Grant (14).

150 yards medley-relay (back-stroke, breast-stroke, free-style):—A. team, B. S. Wilson, V. Karpusheff, L. H. Jordan. B. team, F. Newman, L. A. Benn, G. Arnold, C. team, G. T. May, F. A. Weller, A. Dodd. D. team, F. Willis, R. Goldman, G. Hume.

Boys' 50 yards free-style handicap:—J. Penson (go), P. W. Sale (7), E. J. Lock (9), N. McQueen (10), R. Dedear (13), K. Meffan (19), G. Saunders (21).

50 yards back-stroke handicap:—F. Willis (go), B. S. Wilson (1), F. Newman (2).

Mixed Sealed Handicap Diving:—G. T. May, G. Johnson, A. Saunders, B. Wilson, Miss D. Craig, Mrs. H. Sissons. (Running plain dive from low board; running or standing plain dive from top board; optional dive off either board).

Women's 50 yards breast-stroke:—E. Grant, Mrs. Sissons, Miss Sissons, Mrs. Van Leenoff.

50 yards breast-stroke handicap:—P. Calderara (go), R. Goldman (20), L. A. Benn (20), F. A. Weller (22).

200 yards free-style invitation relay:—Y.M.C.A. (G. Hume, A. Dodd, G. Arnold, G. T. May) v. Royal Scots; Royal Corps of Signals; Middlesex Regt.

Mixed Novelty events—Post Entries (Conditions will be announced just before the start).

Water-polo:—Y.M.C.A. (H. Eardley, I. H. Chater, J. Slater; L. A. Benn; R. Goldman, G. T. May, F. Newman, Reserve, J. Berry) v. Combined Small Units.

## TO-DAY'S GALA

Owing to illness and duty, several changes have been made in the European Y.M.C.A.

## League Tennis

# G. H. FOWLER AND B. I. BICKFORD PLAY WELL AGAINST K. TONG

ONLY TWO MATCHES IN "C" Division of the Tennis League which were postponed yesterday were the two in which the strongest teams in the division should have been engaged. These fixtures were South China v. Recreio "A" and C.R.C. v. Army.

Other matches went fairly well as expected although Police, on their own courts at Boundary Street, were a trifle fortunate to beat Kowloon Cricket Club, who were without their captain, A. L. Fisher. Police were again without B. C. Fay.

Feature of the match was the fine form shown by E. Zulauf and R. E. Lee, who won three sets for Kowloon. Proving much steadier than the opposition, this pair were only seriously extended by Morrison and Major.

Zulauf, however, although being one of the finest stroke-players on view, gave the impression that he was re-training himself. On the forehand, for instance, he was inclined to indulge in safety-first methods instead of hitting the ball as hard as he is able to do. His service was in fine working order and proved too good for most of the opposing players.

## PILE CONVINCING

Best home pair were C. Brown and Chris Pile. The latter's wealth of experience was much in evidence and he was very convincing on the volley.

Central British Association, although suffering their second defeat, gave an improved display against a strong Kowloon Tong team. George Fowler and Bunny Bickford were in splendid form and won all three sets with something to spare. This pair were badly supported by the remainder of the team, Norman Whitley, usually a reliable player, appearing to be out of practice.

Jewish Recreation Club, with only two pairs, had a sorry time of it against Recreio "B" not a strong team by any means, and, for the second week in succession, went down without winning a set. The match was very one-sided and most uninteresting. With the Hussain brothers again proving their worth, Kowloon Indians, who must now be considered challengers in this division, scored another convincing victory, their victims on

selections to meet Australian Naval Reservists in swimming races in the Y.M.C.A. pool to-night at 9 p.m.

Following are the teams (Australian names first):

50 yards free-style:—D. McFie and R. Johnson v. G. T. May and F. A. Weller.

100 yards free-style:—G. Hume and G. Johnstone v. L. H. Jordan and G. Arnold.

100 yards back-stroke:—S. F. Newman and A. Brierly v. B. S. Wilson and F. Willis.

50 yards breast-stroke:—G. Hume and A. Brierly v. A. Dodd and L. A. Benn.

150 yards medley-relay (back-stroke, breast-stroke, free-style):—Australians A.—S. F. Newman, G. Hume, R. Johnson; Australians B.—A. Brierly, G. Johnstone, D. McFie v. Y.M.C.A. A.—B. S. Wilson, L. A. Benn, G. T. May; Y.M.C.A. B.—F. Willis, F. A. Weller, A. Dodd.

300 yards free-style relay:—Australians.—R. Johnson, J. Dolan, R. Hack, F. Newman, A. C. Claxton, G. Hume; Y.M.C.A.—J. Slater, F. A. Weller, B. S. Wilson, G. T. May, L. A. Benn, R. Goldman.

## SCORES AT A GLANCE

"A" DIVISION	
Y.M.C.A.	33 Pui Ying "A" 32
"B" DIVISION	
Lai Hang	50 Pui Ying "B" 33
Hong Hong	53 Yau Yau 30

## BASKETBALL

# TAM PLAYS WELL

By "Sportshawk"

Chinese Y.M.C.A. quintette secured two points in "A" Division of the All-Chinese Colony Basketball League when last night at their home gymnasium they defeated Pui Ying College by 33 points to 32, after leading by 19 points to 12 after the first half.

The Y.M.C.A.'s fine showing against Pui Ying came as a great surprise as the losers were generally expected to win.

The students, however, showed their real superiority in the later stages and improved considerably as the game progressed. If they had played more decisively in the first period, there might have been a different story.

The hero of the match was undoubtedly the College's right-winger, Tam Sick-chau, who scored a total of 10 points (five field goals) besides assisting his forwards well. Three of his five goals were real gems.

Lai Ling-jack and Lam Man-lai were also very impressive in the attack for the students; the former player made the openings for Tam, while the latter gave a sound display and did everything but score.

The students' defence was best served by Chau Chen-yeung, at right guard, who defended stoutly all round with his timely interceptions. He also netted two field goals.

## LUK OUTSTANDING

Luk Tak-cheung, the right guard, was the outstanding player for the winners. He defended without fault and scored five field goals for his side. All the goals he scored were the result of his powerful shooting from midfield.

Man Chun-kwong, the right-winger, played well and Man registered three field goals and one foul goal while Wong scored the same number of field goals and two foul goals.

Y.M.C.A. opened the scoring through Man and had the better of exchanges throughout the first period. However, the College students settled down gradually on the resumption and almost levelled towards the end.

## Y.M.C.A. "A"

	Goals	Foul No. of Goals	Fouls
Man Chun-kwong	3	1	1
Chen Yuk-lam	0	0	1
Wong Wal-hung	3	2	0
Chau Wu-sing	1	0	1
Wong Ki-luk	2	0	1
Chan Kam-yue	1	0	1
Luk Tak-cheung	5	0	2
Wong Kong-chui	0	0	0
Kwok Chau	0	0	0
Total Points	33		
PUI YING COLLEGE "A"			
Lam Man-lai	2	0	0
Chan Sik-yeung	2	0	1
Tam Sick-chau	5	0	1
Lai Ling-jack	3	0	0
Pun Kam-hung	1	2	0
Lau Chung-hing	0	0	0
Chau Chen-yeung	2	0	0
Total Points	32		

Another two matches in "B" Division of the League were played in the same Gymnasium last night, resulting in victories for Lai Hang team and Hong Hong Basketeers over Pui Ying College "B" and the Yau Yau quintette respectively.

Lai Hang won by 50 points to 33, while Hong Hong Basketeers scored 53 points to 30 against Yau Yau.

mun and Leo Chee-man; M. C. Hung and A. Hung.

S.C.A.A.—K. C. Wong and K. T. Tang; C. Lee and C. C. Wong; K. T. Sung and K. C. Wan.

## TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Following is to-day's programme and some of the teams:—

C.B.A.	v.	C.R.C. "A"
C.C.C.	v.	S.C.A.A.
C.R.C. "B"	v.	K.I.T.C.
I.R.C.	v.	K.C.C.

C.B.A.—T. Lockhart and V. C. Bond; Bull and M. Dunne; Konorsky and C. Semmelmann.

C.R.C. "A"—H. N. Chau and P. H. Chiu; T. F. Lo and M. C. Tang; S. P. Chau and K. L. Lee.

C.C.C.—G. Souza and T. C. Yu; Au Kam-



# Lawn Bowls Teams

Following are some of the Bowls teams for Saturday:—

## C.S.C.C.

First Division (v K.B.G.C., home)—C. J. Walker, J. W. Deakin, A. W. Grimmit and F. J. Jones (skip); M. E. Purvis, W. J. Burling, M. N. Rakusen and H. E. Strange (skip); J. Gellatley, J. Hollidge, L. A. Collyer and J. F. McGowan (skip).

Second Division (v Recrelo, home)—J. R. Carr, A. F. Shepherd, A. Steven and S. Eccleshall (skip); P. D. Crawley, H. Lord, H. F. Harper and C. Strange (skip); E. Kirmon, H. Parrot, R. R. Wood and A. B. Allen (skip).

Reserves:—J. F. Hickman, J. C. Lucas and A. J. MacFayden.

## K.D.R.C.

First Division (v H.K.F.C., home) — W. Houston, C. Thom, R. H. Lapsley and F. Cullen (skip); J. Revie, W. McMaster, M. Ferguson and J. Kempton (skip); B. Parks,

W. Mackie, R. Morrison and J. McKelvie (skip).

## P.R.C.

First Division (v Recrelo "B", away)—E. G. Post, J. W. Macdonald, J. Shepherd and A. E. Carey (skip); W. J. Cameron, J. Headridge, W. S. Dall and J. C. S. Fonder (skip); A. Soutar, F. Channin, G. Perkins and J. Orem (skip).

Second Division (v Kowloon Tong, home)—H. Brown, W. B. Harris, N. B. Fraser and W. Glendenning (skip); D. H. Taylor, C. Willcox, J. Aitken and A. Wright (skip); G. Willerton, J. Harrop, A. Mackenzie and W. E. Hollands (skip).

## INDIAN R.C.

First Division—J. Hoosen, M. A. Wahab, A. M. Rumjahn and A. R. Minu (skip); D. M. Khan, S. Yusuf, A. O. Madar and M. R. Abbas (skip); A. K. Sufflad, A. Bakar, M. Y. Adal and A. K. Minu (skip).  
Third Division—U. A. Rumjahn, S. A. R. Bux, A. G. Sufflad and S. O. Bux (skip);

A. K. Ismail, R. Nazarin, A. H. Madar and A. M. Wahab (skip); M. Hussan, K. M. Rumjahn, M. P. Madar and S. M. Rumjahn (skip).

## H.K.C.C.

Second Division (v K.C.C., away)—R. R. Davies, J. L. Mount, G. E. Costello and B. E. Maughan (skip); J. A. D. Morrison, E. Hospes, E. S. Abraham and A. W. Brown (skip); W. A. Cornell, J. Prentice, G. S. Archbutt and L. A. R. Duncan (skip).

Third Division (v H.K.F.C., home)—J. Owen Hughes, L. E. N. Ryan, B. J. Lacon and P. S. Cassidy (skip); F. D. Angus, H. A. Angus, E. S. Doughty and R. A. Edwards (skip); A. D. Humphreys, G. H. Bond, W. J. Hansen and A. McKellar (skip).

## KOWLOON F.C.

Second Division (v C.C.C., Away):—W. Groves, J. Smith, W. Simpson and W. Field (skip); J. Gibson, A. Eastman, R. Hall and P. Younghusband (skip); A. Lapsley, R. Hughes, V. Attenza and V. Chittenden (skip).

Third Division (v K.B.G.C., Away):—C. Woodcock, S. Wong, C. Fuller and B. Evans (skip); B. Thompson, B. Williams, Y. Abbas and J. Smalley (skip); J. Boyd, G. Frost, P. Morgan and C. Pile (skip).

# HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, To-day.  
Following are the results of football matches played yesterday:—

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### Southern "C"

Arsenal 2 Fulham 1

### North Western

Accrington 1 Preston 10

### Western

Everton 1 Wrexham 2

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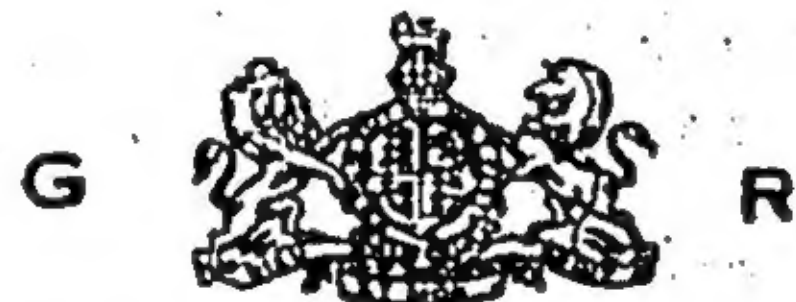
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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 27th day of May, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
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Hong Kong, 20th May, 1940.

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## HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

	Feet.
Island	
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Tram Station	1305
Talkoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (filterbeds)	297
Mainland	
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971



## BELGIAN ACCOUNTS FROZEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.  
The Bank of France announces that all withdrawals from Belgian accounts have been suspended until further notice.

An exception will be made for persons proving they permanently reside in France or have left territory under enemy occupation.—Havas.

## AUSTRALIA ACCORDS RECOGNITION TO CZECHS

London, To-day.

The Czechoslovak National Committee, which has already been recognised by the Governments of France, Britain, New Zealand and South Africa, has also been recognised by the Australian Government.

The High Commissioner of Australia in London, Mr. S. M. Bruce, has informed the President of the Czechoslovak National Committee, Dr. Eduard Benes, of this decision.—British Wireless.

## VON EPP'S LITTLE BEE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

"Germany wants her colonies and will get them back," General von Epp, gauleiter of Bavaria and chairman of the German Colonial League, told the press on completion of his visit here yesterday. "Germany is leading the war against Versailles," he added.—Havas.

## COTTON INDUSTRY TO INCREASE OUTPUT

London, To-day.

After consultation with the trade unions and employers associations, the Cotton Controller has asked the cotton trade to increase output by working overtime to the extent of seven and half hours per week for the next four weeks.

Sir Percy Ashley points out that the Air Force demands upon the cotton industry are very large and there is also an urgent need to speed up output for other Government requirements.—British Wireless.

## CAUTION AGAINST TOO HIGH HOPES

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ed any German reaction.

Between Arras and the Somme the situation remains confused.

German motorised light cavalry continues its raids, the point of the push reaching to the south of the Somme.

On the Somme and Aisne considerable French forces continue to take a firm footing.—Reuter.

### French Communique

Paris, To-day.

A French communique last night said that in the course of the day fighting continued in the north of France and in Belgium. There was nothing of importance to report for the rest.—Reuter.

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London, To-day.

"The Times" Tokyo correspondent says that Dr. Ott, the German Ambassador, yesterday informed the Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita that the German Government "are not interested in the Dutch Indies problem." The statement was made in answer to the Japanese declaration of May 11 and the newspaper "Kokumin Shimbun" interprets the answer as being a "blank power of attorney." On its face the German declaration conveys, firstly, that Germany waives any claim to the Dutch Indies which might arise from the German conquest of Holland, and, secondly, that she agrees to any action Japan may take. The implications of this declaration go much further than a straightforward reply to the Japanese statement required. The German reply pointedly ignores the status quo and disclaims any interest in the fate of the colonies of a country which is ostensibly under German protection. By giving Japan more than she asked for, Ribbentrop is displaying to her the advantages of abandoning neutrality. His action will reinforce the group which at the start of the war demanded that Japan should ally herself with Germany. Their efforts failed decisively at the time and as long as the present Cabinet remains in power it is unlikely that the national policy of non-involvement will be changed, but the Allies must expect greater pressure to induce them to conform with Japan's policy in China.—Reuter.

Washington, To-day.

The Government has decided to send the liner "President Roosevelt" to Eire to bring Americans home from Europe. The ship will sail from New York to-day for Galway.

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary for State, has telegraphed to the United States envoys in London, Paris, Berlin, Brussels, The Hague, and Oslo instructing them to inform the governments to which they are accredited that the United States Government "expects this vessel to make its eastward and westward voyages without interruption or molestation by the air, naval or military forces of any belligerent."

Mr. Hull also told the envoys to say the vessel would carry no cargo and on its westward trip would take only American citizens and their families.

The ship will be unarmed and unconvoyed, it will display the Stars and Stripes prominently and will proceed fully lighted at night.—Reuter.

The Directors of the Peak Tramways Company, Limited will recommend the following allocation of profits at the forthcoming annual meeting of Shareholders:—Pay a dividend of 6% on 25,000 shares Fully Paid up \$15,000.00; Pay a dividend of 6% on 50,000 shares \$5.00 Paid up \$15,000.00; And carry forward \$28,452.86.

New York, To-day.

According to information from Swedish banking quarters, quoted by the Stockholm correspondent of the "New York Times," Germany has liquidated most of her bank balances in the United States and transferred them to the credit of Swedish banks.

He adds that this is taken to indicate that Germany no longer feels certain that the United States will keep out of the war.—Reuter.

"There have been nothing but routine movements," stated a spokesman of the American Consulate-General, to the "China Mail" this afternoon when questioned concerning Chinese reports from Shanghai that several vessels of the American Fleet had left Shanghai "secretly" for Hong Kong.

Admiral Thomas Hart, Commander-in-chief of the United States Asiatic Squadron, is said to be accompanying the ships.

The American Consul said he had no knowledge of this.

Bucharest, To-day.

It is officially announced that the military measures decided yesterday by the Rumanian General Staff will be limited to a period of 30 days.—Reuter.

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